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Campaigners bring fight to save county hospital services to town

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CAMPAIGNERS fighting to retain paediatric and maternity services at Dorset County Hospital took to the streets of Bridport to protest against the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) proposals.

Members of the CCG and local GPs were holding a information event about the Clinical Services Review in the town, answering residents' questions and explaining the proposals for healthcare in the county.

Members and supporters of the Save SCBU, Kingfisher and Maternity at Dorset County Hospital group gathered in Bucky Doo Square, talking to residents and encouraging them to respond to the consultation.

Emily Case, a supporter of the group, said: "We wanted to do a peaceful demonstration just to make the public aware of what is actually going on with the healthcare services in the county, particularly West Dorset.

"We want to inform people who are going into the consultation and encourage people to go in and have their say.

"We feel that's really important but also to show that we are not happy with the changes to downgrade services at Dorset County Hospital and particularly A&E and the Kingfisher ward and the Special Care Baby Unit, and that has been the case since we started this campaign."

The proposals include preferences to make Poole Hospital a major planned hospital, which would have an urgent care centre and planned and day case surgery, and make Royal Bournemouth Hospital a major emergency hospital with A&E and emergency surgery, treatment for maternity and overnight services for children.

Dr Blair Millar, who works at Bridport Medical Practice and the Dorset CCG locality lead for West Dorset, said that people were voicing their concerns at the open event, but they had been receptive to the ideas put forward.

He said: "The main concerns are the provision of the new A&E department in Bournemouth, so their concern is that it is too far away from West Dorset.

"I explained to them that actually we are not moving the A&E department from Dorchester to Bournemouth, we are actually moving the major trauma unit from Southampton to Bournemouth.

"The A&E department in Dorchester is going to stay as it is, all the people using it today will carry on using it forever, but if you have major trauma you will go to Bournemouth instead of Southampton.

"The other main concern is about the paediatric unit and maternity [at Dorset County Hospital] and what I am saying to them is that this is not part of our Clinical Services Review, the decisions on the future of paediatric care and maternity in Dorset are not decisions that we can make, they are made by NHS England, so they dictate to us what kind of unit you can have for a population size.

"If you want a paediatric unit that is all bells and whistles, you need to have a population of one million

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LOCAL artist Mike Taylor was born in Birmingham. He has had a varied career, which has included working for Wilkinson's and MFI as well as working backstage among Birmingham's famous theatres.

As an artist his subjects have included Aston Villa football players and in the past he has drawn a cartoon strip for a local newspaper.

Mr Taylor moved to Weymouth in the 1980s with his family where he continued his art, spending 20 years painting on the seafront for tourists, and he hasn't looked back since.

His work can be found at Portland Lighthouse and Waterstones, Dorchester.

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

● WHERE do you live?
I live in Osmington, a small village between Dorchester and Weymouth. Two hundred years ago this year the artist John Constable stayed at the vicarage here on his honeymoon. When I walk my dog Alfie I love the fact that I am walking past the same thatched cottages that he did.

● SO are you a John Constable fan?
Very much so. I recently did a display of his work and life story that ran for a few weeks at the Riviera Hotel near where he painted his famous Weymouth Bay. This was very well received. People loved seeing some his work they had never seen before and hearing about his interesting life. Actually his life would make a terrific film.

● WHY did you come to Weymouth?
I came here with my wife Carole and son Matthew in 1988 on holiday and fell in love with the place. There was an excitement and vibrancy about the seafront that I wanted to be part of. I went on the seafront in 1990 as an artist tourist attraction for the next 20 years.

● DID you enjoy your 20 years on the esplanade?
It was great fun. I think Weymouth had more confidence in those days. I remember they said the Tall Ships [Race] would be a disaster, but Weymouth pulled it off with aplomb. Rod Stewart singing *Sailing* as the tall ships left Weymouth is one of my very happy memories.

● WHERE are your favourite places in Weymouth?
I think Greenhill Gardens look wonderful with their Victorian lamp standards and Brewer's Quay with its harbour, cobbled streets and amazing buildings.

● WHAT would you change?
I would bring back the fairy lights. When they went we lost our brand. The other change would be to get rid of the old council offices.

● HOW would you pay for the lights?
People would pay £25 for a certificate from the council saying that on a certain day at a certain time, the fairy lights would be twinkling just for them. You would buy this certificate for your friends or families' birthday, wedding or anniversary.

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Bridport TIC now run by town council

■ BRIDPORT Town Council has officially taken over the running of the town's Tourist Information Centre from West Dorset District Council. Pictured (left to right) Terri Foxwell, of Bridport TIC, Cllr Sarah Willaims, leader of the council, Cllr Mary Penfold, of WDDC, and Rebecca Jones and Millie Webber-Cox of Bridport TIC

BRIDPORT Town Council has officially taken on the running of the town's Tourist Information Centre (TIC) from West Dorset District Council.

Following a service review of West Dorset's TICs to identify operational savings of £300,000, it was agreed by members of the district council's executive committee in August to transfer the running of the Bridport TIC and its current staff to the town council.

The official transfer took place on January 1st.

Mary Penfold, enabling portfolio holder for West Dorset District Council, said: "We have enjoyed a very close working relationship with the town council for a number of years, so we are delighted to be able to work together again to ensure the future delivery of the TIC and its services.

"We recognise the value the service provides, both to local residents and visitors."

Extensive stakeholder engagement was carried out as part of the review and Bridport Town Council expressed an interest in taking over the management of the TIC at an early stage.

Cllr Sarah Williams, leader of Bridport Town Council, said: "This is a very exciting opportunity for the town council to take on the running of the TIC, which is such an important service for the town.

"We are confident that we can not only maintain the existing service level, but implement initiatives that will enhance services for visitors and for local people."

As part of the agreement, the district council will transfer £150,000 from its reserves to the town council to assist them with transitional arrangements.

The transfer of the service to the town council will be a change of operator only.

It will not lead to any reduction in the service provided, it remains in the same location, offering the same services and employing the same workforce.

Man given curfew after he breaks his criminal behaviour order for ninth time

A BEAMINSTER man has now breached his Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) for a ninth time and was arrested by police.

Police located 64-year-old Christopher Vye at a restaurant in West Bay on December 31st after receiving a call reporting a male causing a nuisance to patrons.

A spokesperson for Bridport Police said: "Mr Vye was remanded in custody and appeared before Weymouth Magistrates Court where he pleaded guilty to breaching his CBO by being drunk in a public place and to using abusive, insulting or threatening words to cause harassment alarm or distress.

"He was order to pay £50 costs and an £85 victim surcharge and given a curfew between 8pm and 7am for two months.

"This is the ninth time that Mr Vye has been convicted of breaching his CBO since it was issued in July 2016."

He was issued the order by Weymouth Magistrates' Court after being found guilty of assaulting a member of staff at the Wetherspoons pub on East Street.

The order is in place for five years and states that Christopher Vye must not: act or incite others to behave in an anti-social manner; use or incite others to use threatening intimidating, insulting or abusive words or behaviour; enter any licensed premises in the Bridport and Beaminster areas, to which he has already been barred under the Pubwatch scheme; have open containers of alcohol in public or be drunk in a public place.

He must engage with EDP Drug & Alcohol Services for a minimum of three times a week until discharged by EDP.

In November he was arrested and charged with seven breaches of his order and was given a community order requiring him to abide by a two-month curfew between the hours of 8pm and 7am and ordered to pay a £85 victim surcharge.

■ CURFEW: Christopher Vye

He was arrested and charged with breaching his CBO on September 1st, 10th, 15th and 27th, as well as October 12th, 10th and 27th and December 10th.

Research breakthrough helps Bridport boy

A RESEARCH breakthrough has led to a Bridport boy receiving treatment for a rare immune deficiency, something he has suffered with all his life.

Ten-year-old Mathew Knight received the diagnosis in three weeks after his family agreed to give blood samples for DNA analysis following his admission to Southampton Children's Hospital due to a hip infection.

A pioneering genetic test being trialled by doctors in Southampton led to the discovery of his rare immune deficiency and he is now receiving injections to boost his immunity against a group of bacteria known as mycobacteria – which commonly cause lung symptoms, fever and weight loss – for the first time.

Mathew's problems began at just three-months-old when he reacted badly to a BCG vaccination and required a hospital admission where he received antibiotic treatment.

He suffered multiple infections and hospital admissions from then on but the cause remained a mystery.

The test also highlighted Mathew's mother Wendy, 50, who has been unwell with infections in the past, has the condition.

Mathew's father Rees, 51, said: "We know Mathew has a problem with his immune system and we want to find out as much as we can about it.

"Also if it does help someone else in the future, all well and good, because there might be another child with the same problem as him and their family doesn't know about it or the options available to treat it."

The research was part of a project led by University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation trust (UHS), the Wessex Investigational Sciences Hub Laboratory (WISH Lab) and the NIHR/Wellcome Trust Southampton Clinical Research Facility.

Dr William Rae, a fellow in clinical immunology, said: "The problem with Mathew's immune system was due to a deletion in the gene Interferon Gamma Receptor 1 (IFNGR1) which is critical in mounting immune responses to certain types of bacteria, such as the mycobacterial infections.

■ TEN-year-old Mathew Knight from Bridport is now receiving treatment for a life-long rare immune deficiency after his condition was discovered by a test trialled by doctors in Southampton

"This diagnosis means he can receive the best possible treatment, directly targeting the problem with regular injections to boost his immunity against mycobacteria, so enabling his body to fight infections."

Professor Saul Faust, director of the NIHR/Wellcome Trust Southampton Clinical Research Facility, said: "Mathew's case is incredible.

"To go from a sample to a molecular genetic diagnosis in three weeks was sci-fi-like dreaming even just a year ago."

Bird flu at Abbotsbury Swannery

NINE cases of avian flu have been confirmed in swans at Abbotsbury Swannery.

Abbotsbury Tourism general manager John Houston said that the welfare of the birds and of swannery staff was a top priority.

He said: "Cases of avian flu have been reported in wild birds in Europe and in a number of locations across the UK.

"The current H5N8 strain of bird flu is of very low risk to public health and has never transferred to humans, but the wellbeing of the swans and other birds that visit the swannery is paramount.

"The swannery is currently closed to the public for the winter and is not due to reopen until March. Current access to the site is therefore restricted to staff members only.

"We are closely monitoring the health of the swans and our staff are taking all necessary precautionary measures as advised."

Members of the public are encouraged to report dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks), or other dead wild birds such as gulls or birds of prey, to the Defra helpline on 03459 335577.

County hospital campaigners bring battle to town

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in order to service it.

"If you have a small unit such as this in a population of quarter of a million, you don't get the turnover to enable the commission to work there, to be skilled enough to manage the different cases in a way that is ideal.

"It is all about survival rates, if you look at survival rates for a small unit they are not as good as a big unit and so no politician and no one in my position is going to recommend supporting small units when the survival rate isn't as good as a big unit."

Dr Millar is encouraging residents to have their say and complete the consultation questionnaire.

He added: "The CCG really does want to know people's feedback, so we really are interested in people's views and what we want is for people to be well informed and that is why we have put forward these engagement events so that they can ask questions."

The questionnaire is available at www.csr.dorsetvision.nhs.uk and hard copies can be found at local GP surgeries.

The consultation period ends on February 28th.

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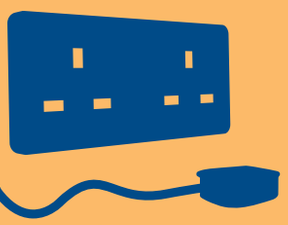

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Man rescued after breaking leg on beach

A MAN, who was on holiday in Bridport, broke his leg after slipping on rocks and staggered and crawled for three quarters of a mile for more than two hours in the dark before he was found by a lifeboat crew and his wife.

Tim Robinson, 54, fell during a walk at about 4.30pm on Saturday, January 7th on the beach under Golden Cap.

Lyme Regis RNLI lifeboat crew launched at 7.10pm to assist coastguards in a search for Mr Robinson. They located him during a shoreline search eight minutes later.

Two first aid trained crew members went ashore to help coastguards assess Mr Robinson's condition, meanwhile the lifeboat returned to Lyme Regis to pick up three further crew to steady the vessel in the surf when it was beached to take Mr Robinson aboard.

Mr Robinson's wife, Paula, who raised the alarm, started to walk along the beach from Seatown to look for her husband.

She said: "Luckily, Tim had a torch but no mobile phone.

"I saw a flicker of light and thought it must be him, but I picked up a rock just in case it wasn't!"

Jon Broome, who was in charge of the lifeboat for his first 'shout' since qualifying as a helm, said: "It was a very well organised rescue by all involved.

"It seems Mr Robinson used sticks to help him stagger and crawl towards Seatown after the injury.

TIM Robinson, pictured being helped by Lyme Regis RNLI and the coastguard, broke his leg while walking along the beach and crawled for three quarters of a mile for more than two hours before he was found

From his hospital bed in Dorchester, Mr Robinson, who is a full time member of the Territorial Army, said: "I just slipped on a rock and have two fractures of the right leg.

"Everyone who helped me was just terrific."

Mr Robinson was taken aboard the lifeboat to a waiting ambulance at Lyme Regis harbour. The lifeboat returned at 8.49pm.

Mr and Mrs Robinson, from the Derby area, had been staying in Bridport on a short holiday.

Wassail at Community Orchard

BRIDPORT Community Orchard's annual Wassail is back this month, bringing local cider, singing and storytelling.

The event, which takes place on Sunday, January 15th, is free and starts at 3pm in the orchard behind St Mary's Church in South Street.

Hot cider and apple juice will be available with an open fire, storytelling by Martin Maudsley and dancing and music by Wyld Morris.

There will also be a traditional Wassailing ceremony, which includes blessing the trees with cider to encourage a good harvest for the coming year.

Visitors are encouraged to bring along drums, trumpets, whistles or anything to make noise to frighten the bad spirits away.

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Concern over latest St Michael's plans

■ ON December 15th an 'Open Day' was arranged at Mountfield by Hayward & Co for the purpose, described in *View From Bridport* as 'an opportunity for the owners to display their proposals for St Michael's Trading Estate to the public and to answer questions'. I attended.

The scheme was portrayed on 6-8 boards facing across the room with plans and drawings including details from an earlier application for planning permission though without showing amendments.

Questions as to listed status and which buildings would be demolished led to confusion, so that Haywards' representative had to cross and re-cross the room in an attempt to deal with these points, without clear answers, save giving other data and earlier history. Questions about the provision, in principle, of affordable housing were similarly treated in a roundabout manner, or by 'it is too early to say', as if to avoid giving an answer.

Surely by now, given an earlier planning application, Haywards have worked up detailed numbers so that percentages of the total new construction could be indicated.

It is not satisfactory to establish in the public's mind an expectation that information would be imparted at a public presentation about particularly significant components in a large scheme, and for questions to be parried in this manner. After nearly an hour there seemed little sense in pursuing points.

This was not adequate public consultation. Suffice to say, on a scheme of this scale in the centre of Bridport, Haywards should be required to convene a public meeting at which the public can ask questions and hear an informed presentation based on a single set of legible plans supported by unambiguous and informed statements.

GAVIN FRYER, Bridport

■ ON December 22nd the *View from Bridport* quoted Mr Ridley of Hayward & Co speaking on their plans for a housing estate at St Michaels Trading Estate: 'Bridport has got its own unique character, but we have always felt that the general community may not be that concerned...'

I tend to think that Mr Ridley does not know Bridport very well and although he is employed to speak in this way, he may have completely forgotten that in 2012 this very same development application, 595 objections were recorded by the district council, and only eight in support.

Plans to demolish Bridport's Heritage Assets, to decimate a much-loved business community and visitor attraction, to insert a congested housing scheme which brings 'no wider benefit to the area' (quote WDDC planning officer's report) is hardly attractive.

With so much housing already planned for Bridport area (100 houses per annum) and an increase in population of 20 per cent, I think that Bridport will really need to keep, and indeed expand, its manufacturing, trading, and tourism areas.

Perhaps at some point this year, Haywards and Co will be able to truly come to terms with local opinion, heritage advice, employment concerns, and a few National Planning Policies such as 126: 'Local Authorities should take into account the desirability of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness. Heritage Assets should be put to viable use consistent with their conservation.'

But we might also easily forget that this is a Conservation Area.

ANDREW LEPPARD, Bridport

Bridport lacked New Year cheer

■ WHAT has happened to New Year? Bridport has gone from one of the top ten places to spend New Year in the UK to...

I was really disappointed this year. We have in the past had laser lights shining up, bands playing on trailers in the centre and (using the same PA) an official countdown we could all get in on. Not to mention fireworks displays.

This year was the worst I have ever seen. The crowd of people didn't reach further back than the arts centre. The one solitary firework was a joke. Nobody really knew when to count.

Also isn't there a festival committee? Surely they can organise New Year? If not them then perhaps the council should look to appoint someone to take control of it.

If we don't do something Bridport loses out. We are a tourism town and need the middle winter boost. Our economy relies on making sure events are planned spectacular and interesting for under-40s as well.

SAM ROBINS, Bridport

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Lions' Santa raises more than £2,000

■ MEMBERS of the Bridport Lions Club have raised more than £2,000 from their Santa sleigh outside Morrisons over the Christmas period.

Lucy Paull, president of the club, pictured right, said: "The club wishes to thank shoppers for donating the magnificent sum of £2,052 to our charity as it is one of the largest contributions to our funds in the year and is therefore very important to us.

"Thanks also go to Morrisons for allowing us to be there each year and for the sweets that the youngest contributors were rewarded with.

"The money raised will all go to worthy causes in the community and club members are humbled by the generosity of locals willing to help those in need at this time of year."

Correction

IN the Wednesday, December 28th edition of the *View From Bridport* and *View From Beaminster* newspapers, it was reported that Alpacas UK were part of the Bridport live nativity in a picture caption on page 8.

This was inaccurate and it was actually UK Llamas and we apologise for the misunderstanding and any inconvenience caused.

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Thousands crowd harbourside

MEMBERS of Bridport Round Table are celebrating their most successful West Bay Wallow, with thousands of people coming out to watch the popular annual event.

More than 170 swimmers braved the waters in fancy dress, raising money for their chosen charities.

William Jovanovic, organiser and member of Bridport Round Table, said: "This year we were blessed with a calm sea, blue sky and mild temperatures, the combination for a perfect Boxing Day wallow.

"With more than 176 swimmers – some from as far as Manchester, Norfolk, Cardiff and Edinburgh – and more than 3,000 generous supporters, the West Bay Boxing Day swim organised by the Bridport Round Table had its most successful year yet.

"Funds raised go directly back into the local community via the Bridport Round Table and 2016 local recipients include sports clubs, scouts, schools, not for profit nurseries, community groups and many other not for profit organisations and individuals.

"The Round Table would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered their time to ensure the swim could happen: Paul Condliffe, Rob Cox, the coastguard, harbour master James and his team, the West Bay Sea Scouts and WDDC for continuing to allow the event to go ahead.

■ TOP: Participants get ready to go in

■ LEFT: Bridport Mayor, Cllr Ros Kayes (right) chose the winning entries and is pictured with Bridport Round Table members Gary Hedges (left) and Paul Fowler

■ RIGHT: Participants braving the water (left to right) Beth Rowe, Sarah Collins, Emma Collins, Ollie Tompkins and Euan Ackerman

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for Boxing Day's West Bay Wallow

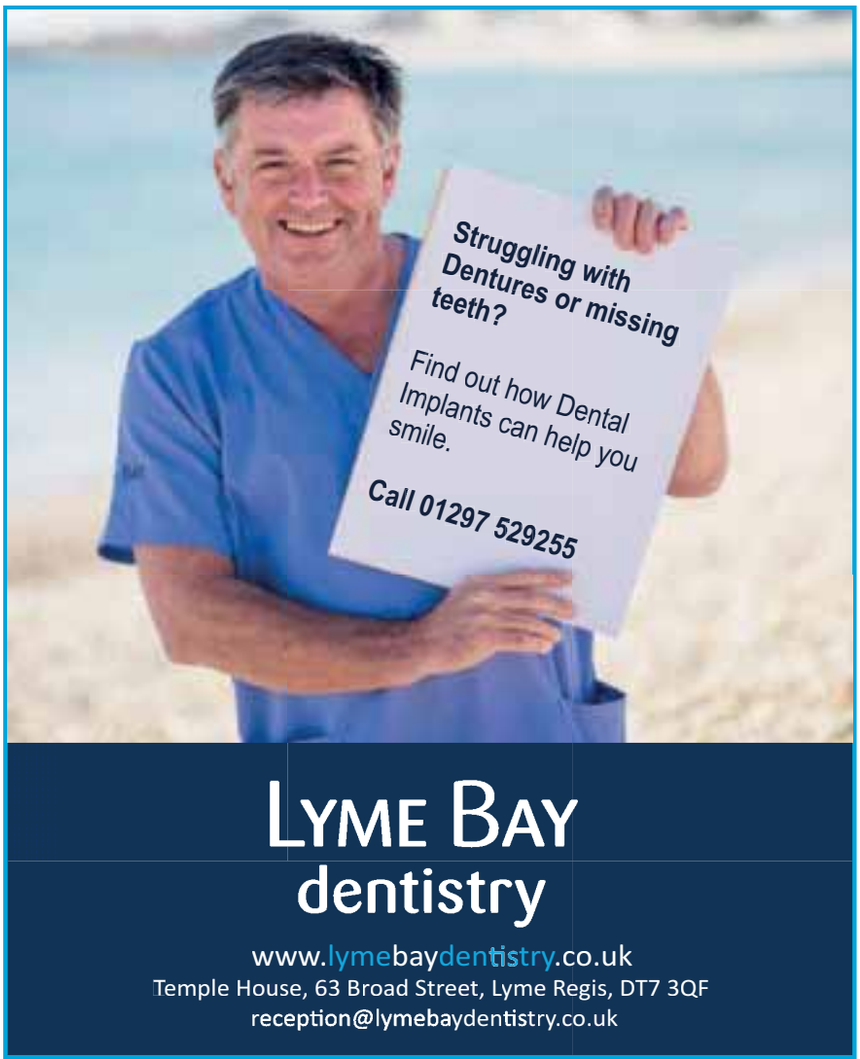
"A special thanks to all fellow Bridport Round Table members who volunteer their time throughout the year.

"This is the first year that I have taken over the role as organiser of the West Bay swim, taking over the mantle from Simon Miles of Lyme Bay Rib Charters and fellow Round Table member, who has organised it for many years and I would like to thank him for his hard work and being a great mentor.

"And finally a massive thanks to those brave and crazy swimmers who ensure that the swim continues to go from strength to strength. It really is a fantastic community event."

CLOCKWISE from near left:

- **Becky (left) won the prize for the best dressed female and was doing the wallow with Jo (right) to raise money for Bradpole Preschool**
- **Oliver Bretherton, Kirsty Newsome and Nick Bowering – who won the prize for the best dressed male – made up the Merfolk**
- **Becky and Kev Burton get ready to go in the harbour**
- **Brave swimmers make their way down the slipway**
- **Bridport Round Table members David Cutting (left) and Simon Hartley**



ASPIRE Project extends support to people with mental health issues

A LOCAL group dedicated to supporting those without work and improving their skills is also offering a helping hand to those struggling with mental health issues.

After five years of successfully working within the learning in the community programme sponsored by Skills and Learning Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (BDP), the ASPIRE Project is shifting emphasis to focus on this need in the community.

ASPIRE was created and is managed voluntarily by Arthur Woodgate, co-director of Bridport Enterprise Supporting Training Ltd (BEST), but puts the success of the work down to the skills of award-winning co-ordinator Charlotte Storey.

Mr Woodgate said: "Charlotte has regularly exceeded set targets, and with some amazing results.

"For our 2015-16 programme, she actually completed the target of 100 participants within just three months – nine months early."

This focus coincided with an approach from Simon Comerford, senior worker within the NHS Foundation Trust's Support Transition and Recovery Team (START), asking if they would consider running a programme for people struggling to cope with mental health issues.

Mr Woodgate added: "Our funding is dedicated towards supporting those taking part and we were happy to help with something so clearly needed.

"It is a very positive approach, there is a consistency of support and this can mean practical help with funding towards realising their aspirations – that is why it is called ASPIRE."

Within just three weeks, three of the four initial participants were supported into employment for the first time in a long time, whilst the fourth went for a walk into town with Charlotte – the first time they had left their house in several years and potentially a big step towards a more positive future.

Funding has now been secured to continue and expand this work for at least another year.

Mr Comerford said: "ASPIRE has enabled clients to gain confidence and self-esteem, learn essential budgeting skills, develop self-employment business plans, pursue a driving license through the funding of lessons, and, most importantly, look upon their lives from a more positive perspective.

"The one-to-one work, time non-limited, has been an essential component of clients' recovery and one that clients themselves have found invaluable."

ASPIRE report that with as many as one in four people in the UK likely to experience some form of mental distress each year, the stigma, or fear of it, is still often considered worse than the affliction.

One of the people benefitting from the ASPIRE Project said: "If you have a mental health problem people think you are 'mental'. It is a language thing.

"We need to work towards changing the language we use to describe people that know what it is like to cope then suddenly can't.

"I'm not 'mental', I'm Paula."

For more information call 01308 423767 or email a.c.woodgate@btinternet.com

THE ASPIRE Project will focus on helping those with mental health issues. Pictured above is Charlotte Storey, ASPIRE Project co-ordinator, being presented with a Certificate of Achievement from the National Learning and Work Institute for her work in 2016 by Sir Philip Williams, High Sheriff of Dorset

Cold Turkeys ride again!

DOZENS of bikers, pictured, came together to raise £910 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The annual Cold Turkey Run, which was organised by Bridport Classic Bike Club member Mike Biss, involved around 70 bikers riding from The Crown Inn in Bridport to Portland Bill taking different routes.

A presentation to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance of the money raised will take place in the next few months.

Salway Ash's big breakfast for local causes

SALWAY Ash will be hosting a 'big breakfast' this Sunday (January 15th) from 9am to 1pm in the village hall.

A full English breakfast is available, along with cereals, toast, tea and coffee and a selection of newspapers to read.

Funds raised will be shared between the Holy Trinity Church in Salway Ash, the village hall and Salway Ash Primary School governors.

Emily Read from Netherbury will also be running a raffle to raise money for her Camps International volunteer work in Ecuador later this year.

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New evening meetings for The Living Tree cancer group

THE Living Tree, a local self help cancer group, is launching a new monthly, evening meeting to help anyone affected by cancer.

It will cater for people who find the Friday afternoon meeting difficult to attend and will offer the same programme of speakers on relevant subjects, such as diet and nutrition, work and general lifestyle.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, January 19th from 7pm to 9pm in the Ostler Room at the Bull Hotel.

Thereafter, the group will meet every third Thursday of the month and all are welcome.

For more information visit www.thelivingtree.org.uk or call John on 07710 974559.

Policing consultation

POLICE and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Martin Underhill is urging Dorset residents to take part in a consultation which will help him set the priorities for policing the county over the next four years.

The commissioner is keen that residents, businesses, community groups and partners take part in the consultation, which is live until January 25th and available by visiting www.dorsetpoliceplan.com

Having met with thousands of residents during his first term in office, the four key areas Mr Underhill believes should be key priorities for Dorset Police are: protecting people at risk of harm; working with communities; supporting victims, witnesses and reducing re-offending; and transforming for the future.

Mr Underhill said: "Listening to the views of local people is one of the most important parts of my role and it is vital the new policing plan reflects the views of Dorset's communities and the significant changes to policing over the last four years.

"Residents have a right to feel safe and this is your chance to let me know what is important to you.

The PCC has a statutory responsibility for setting a Police and Crime Plan to cover the duration of his term.

This sets the strategic direction for policing in the county and will go live from March, running to March 2021.

To monitor progress against the plan, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will publish an annual report detailing work being undertaken towards meeting the objectives within the plan.

West Bay Coastguard: 2016 in review

THE number of incidents attended by West Bay Coastguard officers increased last year to 45, four more than in 2015.

The team were called to a range of incidents including rescuing four dogs that had fallen off the cliff, evacuating nine people from the beaches, coast paths and cliff tops – which included broken bones, fractures, dislocations, sprains, cuts and a suspected heart attack – and helped locate nine missing, vulnerable and despondent people.

They also responded to two incidents of people in difficulty in the water, three mayday calls for boats, assisted with the rescue of two people stuck in mud and rescued two people who had become trapped in rocks and on the side of the cliff.

The team investigated one instance of possible pollution, four cliff falls, four unusual items and two reports of suspected ordnance, as well as giving safety advice to a group of geography students and their teachers who were at risk under the cliffs and helping a paraglider who had become hung in a tree on the side of a cliff.

Officers spent 719 hours dealing with incidents and emergencies, 413 hours on training and local area patrols, 184 hours on checking, cleaning and maintaining equipment and a number of hours attending scout groups, fetes, shows and events promoting sea safety and the work of the coastguard, driving a total of 643 miles.

A spokesperson for the West Bay Coastguard said: "While most of the incidents we attend end very well, this year we had to recover the body of one person who had lost their life on our coastline. Our thoughts remain with their family and friends.

THE West Bay Coastguard officers (pictured) attended four more incidents last year than in 2015, totalling 719 hours spent dealing with incidents and emergencies. They're pictured above after rescuing Winston the dog, who fell off a cliff near Seatown

Photo by WEST BAY COASTGUARD

"This year, we also lost the 'rock' of our team. Jamie Staple, who had served as the team's station officer and deputy station officer, retired after 30 years of service and is greatly missed by all. We wish him the very best for the future.

"We welcome to the team new recruits Jemma Smoker and John Preston, who have both started their initial foundation training and rescue courses.

"We look forward to supporting them throughout their training and welcoming them as fully fledged coastguard officers on completion of their probation.

"We want to thank all those in the police, fire and ambulance service and other agencies we have worked with over this year.

"A very special thank you goes out to our friends, family and loved ones who support us in the work that we do, which can so often be disruptive to family life.

"We wish everyone the best for 2017."

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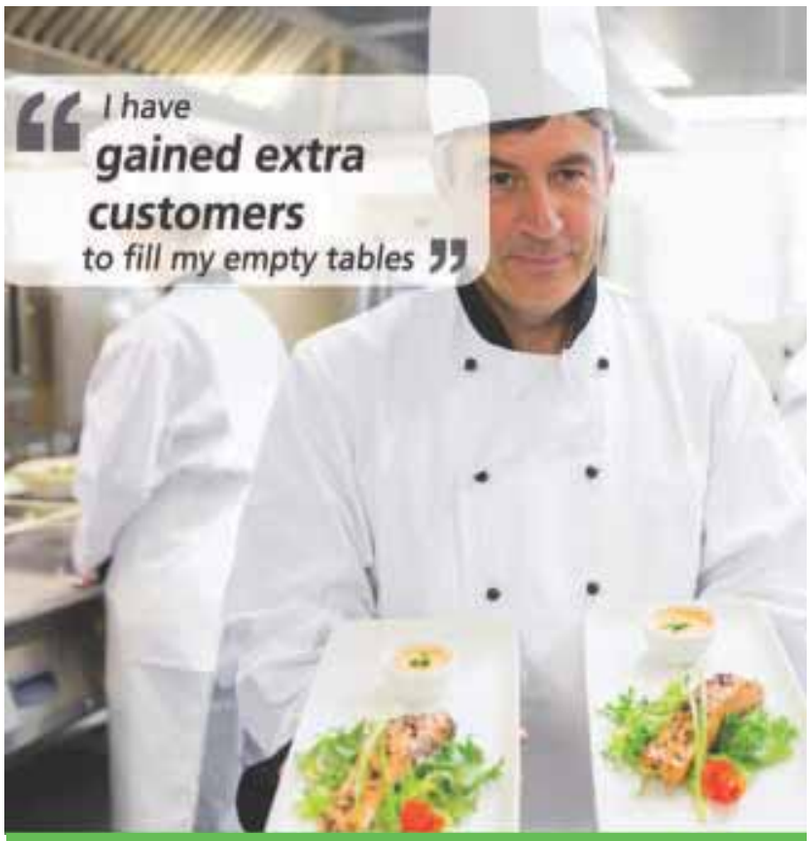

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Colfox seniors prizegiving

STUDENTS at the Sir John Colfox Academy have been praised and awarded for their academic excellence and contributions to the school community at their senior prizegiving evening.

Awards were presented to students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 and headteacher David Herbert reflected on another great year for the school and welcomed guest speaker Charlotte Storey.

Charlotte spoke of her personal story and shared experiences from the wide range of roles she has had.

From being the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Scheme project co-ordinator for the South West, to playing saxophone on tour with Rod Stewart and Van Morrison and acting work on stage and screen, from Shakespeare to *Casualty*.

Sponsors from local businesses were also on hand to present awards alongside Charlotte Storey and Bridport's mayor, Cllr Ros Kayes.

The top performers in each subject were recognised and there were special awards for the highest overall attainment by a boy and girl at GCSE, which was Ella Gibson and Jack Bradley, the highest attainment at AS-level by a boy and girl – Theo Everly and Evie Dixon – and the highest attainment at A-level by a boy and girl – Villo Bernard and Zach Reeve.

The award for most progress in Year 11 went to Marina Parker, and in sixth form this prize was won by Dionne Sinclair.

There were also special awards made to the students who have made the biggest contributions to the school and wider community through their leadership and commitment to the school.

Emily Hendry won this accolade for Year 10, in Year 11 Eve Appleton-Scott was recognised and the sixth form head girl Alice Thomas took the prize.

The prize for best vocational student was won by Jaydon Scadding and Willow Needham was recognised with the Bridport Lions award for her volunteering commitments.

ELLA Gibson (left) was won the award for best overall performance by a girl at GCSE, which was presented by Charlie Groves

EVE Appleton-Scott (left) received the award for contribution to the school and community from Luke Gatehouse

JACK Bradley (right) was presented with the award for best overall performance by a boy at GCSE by Charlotte Storey

JAYDON Scadding (left) received the award for best vocational student

COLFOX senior students were awarded for their academic excellence and contributions to the school community

Dorset Police drink and drug driving campaign

A TOTAL of 54 people have been charged with drink or drug driving offences as part of Dorset Police's Christmas drink and drug driving campaign.

They are due to appear in courts in Bournemouth and Weymouth this month.

The campaign ran from December 1st to January 1st in an attempt to crackdown on drink and drug drivers.

During the month, officers were engaging with members of the public, raising awareness of the dangers involved in drink and drug driving and encouraging people to take responsibility.

Drivers were tested during routine stop checks and if they were stopped for an offence.

MARINA Parker (left) took the award for progress, presented by Andrew Harrison

ZACH Reeve (left) received the award for excellence for the best overall performance by a boy at A-level from Sir Philip Colfox

A mouse in the (auction) house!

NEW Year's Day saw Bridport Auction House holding another birthday party and charity auction, which raised £1,080 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

The lunchtime event enjoyed music from Bridport's token Australian songwriter, composer and musician, Chris Dunn, with Gary Smith on slide guitar.

The auction of 30 weird and wonderful lots, donated by guests and The Auction House, were sold by impromptu guest auctioneers including Jason Matthews, Chris Dunne, Andy Sherring, Anthony Hurst and Richard Payne-Withers, ably assisted by the porter, Mike Dark, and the clerk, Mo Wyrill.

Bidding was frenzied and the lots sold included an African Spear, a Reiki Treatment by Cath Thomas, signed Barbara Windsor photos, a mouse auctioneer (pictured) made and donated by Jane Orwell, and a painting of sunflowers signed 'Vincent'!

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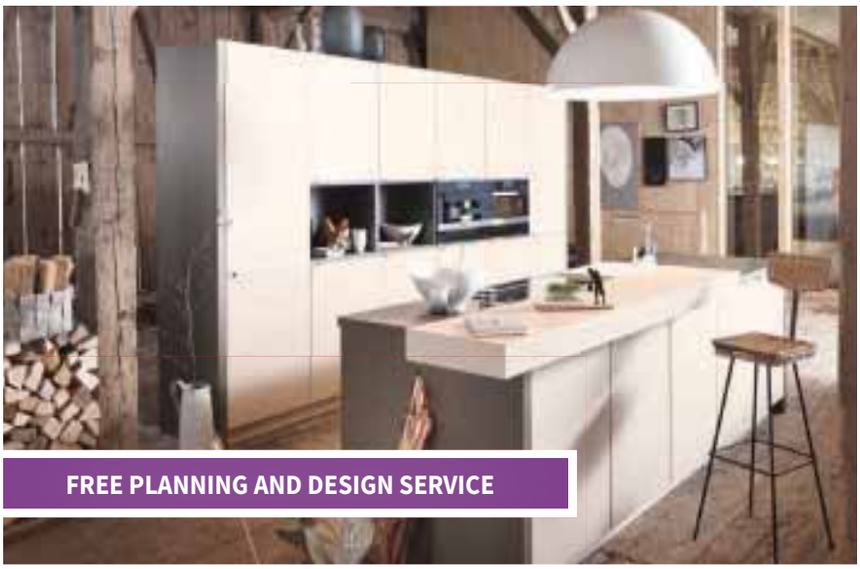
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The school enjoys a supportive and vibrant community of students and staff. The curriculum offers a wide range of high quality qualifications. In addition, students have the opportunity to study additional qualifications, undertake enrichment activities and gain valuable work experience.

The school are introducing, new for 2017, an increased range of professional pathway qualifications. These courses will broaden the choices and opportunities available to students at the Thomas Hardye Sixth Form; more information about all of their courses is available on their website. Applications should be made via their website and the initial deadline for these is Friday 13th January. All applications will be reviewed and students invited to a meeting to discuss the application further.

The school continues to have high expectations of all their students, and will work with students towards ambitious targets as the students experience the joy of learning. Official data shows that their students consistently make outstanding progress and achieve better grades than would be predicted based on their GCSE results; this data puts them in the top 10% of sixth form providers across the country.

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After Year 6 Pupils move on to a range of local schools, both state and independent, and, most recently, our leavers have been awarded scholarships for academic, musical, sporting and all-round achievement. Our website gives a very good insight into what we do, although it is no substitute for visiting us and seeing the school at work! Open Mornings are held regularly throughout the year and personal tours can also be arranged through the School Office.

Chard School will be holding a Scholarship Day on Monday 6th February 2017. Pupils currently in Years 2 to 4, who wish to enrol in 2017, may apply. Four scholarships will be awarded to children whose talents will enrich the academic, musical, artistic or sporting life of Chard School. Means-tested bursaries are also available. If you would like to enter your child for an award, please contact the School Secretary on 01460 63234 or office@chardschool.co.uk to request an information pack and application form. The closing date for applications is 27th January 2017.

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Skills After School

Now that the UCAS applications have all been sent for our Year 13s, attention turns to preparing them for life after A Levels. The dedicated Year 13 Tutor team have put together a range of "Life Skills" sessions to help prepare our students for the years ahead. These sessions include: Survival cooking, Life abroad, Personal Finance and Health and Wellbeing. The students will spend 3 weeks on each topic where they will be given the basic tools required to equip them for life's possibilities.

In 'Survival Cooking' they are taught how to cook and eat healthily, and on a budget, under the guidance and supervision of a visiting chef. In the first session they made hearty vegetable soups and accompanying soda bread, and will go on to make curries and pasta bakes. Head Boy George Chantler was amazed to receive feedback from another Year 13 who commented that his soup was "rich in flavour and actually surprisingly edible!".

The 'Personal Finance' sessions will help prepare students for the challenge of managing their own finances when away at university, or in the world of work. It will cover advice on how to save and budget accordingly, as well as a look ahead at property rental and purchasing. 'Life Abroad' will help prepare our students with the important factors to consider when preparing for overseas travelling, as well advice and guidance on how to successfully apply to study and/or work overseas. In 'Health and Wellbeing', students will be introduced to a range of techniques that they can use to help manage the pressure and stresses of exam preparation and the many challenges that life can present. Today, too many young people are seriously affected by mental health issues and we are keen to show them ways of managing stress and pressure.

Life in the 6th Form is about far more than simply working towards exams; our aim is to support the students by giving them advice and guidance on what to expect after 6th Form, so they will hopefully leave here feeling confident to face the challenges before them, and enter the working world as well-rounded individuals.

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George
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Curtis
I came to Woodroffe from elsewhere and struggled to keep up with my A levels but with the help of Mrs Cropp, the Sixth Form librarian, I'm managing quite well. The **students made me welcome and the social life is great.**

Alice
Being academically able isn't a bad thing at Woodroffe - you're not shoved into a box labelled nerd. I take part in all areas including music, sport and drama while still being pushed to my full potential. **Oxbridge wasn't a closed door just because I was at a state school,** in fact I was given all help needed to get there.

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Attempted break-ins at Pymore

A FEW attempted break-ins to homes in the Pymore area have been reported in recent weeks and Dorset Police are reminding residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity by calling 101 or visiting www.dorset.police.uk

'Soup' on menu again

BRIDPORT is getting ready for another serving of a special soup that makes a difference – Bridport Soup two.

The innovative fundraising evening is inspired by the format of the original Detroit Soup – four local projects that will benefit the community pitch for four minutes each to an audience that is allowed to ask them four questions.

The audience has paid on the door for a soup supper and after they have eaten and discussed the projects there is a vote and the winning pitch is given all the takings from the evening for their project.

Jonny Gordon-Farleigh, a local supporter of social enterprises and founder of Stir to Action, has long been excited by the potential of the Detroit Soup model and worked with Linda Hull from Communities Living Sustainably to bring it to Bridport.

He said: "In five years in Detroit they have raised $127,164 for community projects and in the process helped to develop a local culture of collaboration and democracy that is creative and social."

The youngest pitchers from the first Bridport Soup, Matt McCourtie and Joe Hewetson, won and were given more than £600 from the takings on the door, plus £250 from Stir to Action.

They were up against the People's Pantry Project, to create a waste food café; Refugee Solidarity, which builds community links with the camp in Calais; and Kitchen Collective, with plans for a prep and teaching kitchen.

Joe said: "We were delighted to receive this support from the first Bridport Soup and, as a young organis- ation, it gave us a huge confidence boost.

"The funds we won will be a big help for the promotion of our networking event this spring."

Bridport Soup two will take place on Thursday, February 2nd at 7pm in the WI Hall on North Street and local chef Masaki Dew will be cooking the soup for this second event.

The deadline for applications to pitch is midday on Friday, January 20th and they can come from any local project with a community benefit.

Linda said: "The selected projects will receive pitch training from Caroline Walker, chair of Transition Town Bridport, and the event itself is a great chance to make new contacts and sources of support."

Application forms can be found at www.facebook.com/BridportSoup or hard copies are available from Bridport Library and Bridport Tourist Information Centre.

Places for the event can be booked at bridportsoup2.eventbrite.co.uk

THE popular Dorset Knob Throwing Festival, now in its 10th year, will be moving from Cattistock to Kingston Maurward College

Dorset Knob Throwing Festival is on the move

THE annual Dorset Knob Throwing Festival has a new home and will make the move to Kingston Maurward College for the event in May.

The popular festival, which attracts thousands of people each year, has outgrown its former site in the village of Cattistock.

Organisers of the contest, now in its 10th year, have decided to make the move to "let the festival continue and enable it to grow".

Katharine Wright, chairman of the Dorset Knob Throwing Festival committee, said: "The decision to move has been made on the basis that we have outgrown the site at Cattistock.

"The roads there can only take too much, which was the case last year – it just got too chock-a-block.

"The whole visitor experience is not just at the event but also getting there and back and if that is hard it can put some people off.

"The move is to let the festival continue and enable it to grow. It still has the same ethos and same reason for having the event, which is to raise money for groups in Cattistock.

"I see it as any other good successful village event, it has outgrown the village where it started, such as the Melplash Show and Great Dorset Steam Fair.

"There were three reasons to move – the infrastructure, it is our tenth anniversary and I have just taken over as chairman. It was the perfect time.

"It is all about positivity and Kingston Maurward are delighted to have it there."

The Frome Valley Food Fest will also take place alongside the event at Kingston Maurward.

Model railway exhibition

MEMBERS of the Bridport and District Model Railway Club will be holding their annual winter exhibition in the Public Hall in Beaminster this Saturday (January 14th).

Visitors will be able to view a wide range of layouts in various gauges and themes, from both local exhibitors and those coming from farther afield.

The 'Squeezebelly Lane', which is a small narrow gauge coffee table layout, the award-winning 'I Ad That', which is a Hornby Dublo 3 rail layout, and the 'Longmoor Military Railway', which is a representative '00' gauge layout, will be exhibiting.

There will also be other layouts representing steam and modern railway scenes which have local and an international aspect.

The exhibition will also have some trade stands for visitors to buy new or second hand model railway products.

The exhibition will take place from 10am to 4pm and hot and cold refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Sunday tea and chat

THE monthly Sunday Tea and Chat event, organised by Churches Together in Bridport and District, will continue to be held this year at Bridport United Church Hall.

It will take place on January 15th, February 19th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, September 17th, October 15th and November 19th.

The event will not be held on Easter Sunday or in August and December.

The number of people attending increased to more than 20 for the last three events of 2016.

For more information contact Tom on 01308 455674.

GOT A STORY? Call Lottie on 01297 446161

St Mary's Night of Honour

STAFF and pupils at St Mary's Primary School in Bridport will again be holding a Night of Honour on Thursday, February 2nd.

The evening will recognise the people and businesses that make Bridport such a unique community.

Residents are encouraged to nominate those they feel deserve to be recognised and categories include: support group of the year; carer of the year; Bridport bravery award; Bridport good food award; friendliest shop of the year; sports person of the year; parent of the year; creativity award; child of the year; local talent award; spirit of Bridport; and favourite children's event of the year.

Nomination forms are available by emailing office@stmarybridport.dorset.sch.uk or from the school office.

The awards evening will take place at Bridport Arts Centre from 7pm to 9pm.

Toddler ballet celebrates ten years

Photos by Richard Austin

FEE Jeanes Toddler Ballet is going from strength to strength after celebrating 10 years last year.

Teacher Fee Jeanes has been dancing from a young age and previously helped at the Bernard Gale School of Dancing.

When Mr Gale sadly passed away, Fee decided to go it alone with Fee Jeanes Toddler Ballet and it is a great passion of hers.

As well as toddler lessons, she also offers adult classes from Steps Studio at Crepe Farm.

She said: "We have just completed a big show in the summer and the children are progressing brilliantly.

"Classes are now starting at an earlier age at around 15 to 18-months-old and they are responding brilliantly.

"It is a passion of mine and I am incredibly proud of the children who work so hard and are so well behaved. We have fun and love what we do."

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Saturday headliners for Camp Bestival announced

Madness

THE new year is already rocking, so Camp Bestival organisers couldn't wait any longer to unveil their incredible Saturday night headliners for Camp Bestival's landmark tenth festi-holiday jamboree – Madness!

It's going to be the family line-up of the year, with Friday night headliner Mark Ronson, School of Rock the Musical, Holly Johnson, All Saints, Leftfield, Louisa Johnson, Skream, David Rodigan, The Bootleg Beatles, Mr Tumble, Dick and Dom, and the Tudors on Tour already announced, there's still loads more fancy dress mayhem, music, theatre, family shows, fairground attractions, outdoor activities, poets, authors, comics and amazing food to be revealed for our Pop Stars and Rock Stars extravaganza this July 27th-30th at Lulworth Castle!

In a fetching pair of Baggy Trousers, curator Rob da Bank says: "Madness have always been up there in terms of rocking UK bands but weirdly the last few years has seen them get even better live. I've had the pleasure of listening to their music for the past four decades, DJing for their House of Common festi, warming up for them at this very same festival a few years back and being chased round the campsite by Suggs in the middle of the night. These guys are dangerous and we can't wait to get 'em back for Camp Bestival".

"Truly one of the best rock or pop bands that Britain has ever seen, we are very pleased indeed to announce that Madness will be Saturday night headliners at our tenth birthday bash. With their critically acclaimed top five album, Can't Touch Us Now, enjoying its ninth week on the official UK album chart, the nutty boys are in finest fettle and will take to the Castle Stage to treat the crowd to some full flavour party behaviour with their almost endless litany of classic pop, sing-along favourites and skanking wonders including Baggy Trousers, House of Fun, Wings of a Dove and many more. The very essence of good times, Madness will be unmissable on Saturday night at Camp Bestival!"

There's plenty more music, kids entertainment and family attractions to be announced, including one more headliner and lots more pop, rock and dance delights plus, seven arenas filled with amazing fun, delicious food & drink, relaxing therapies and top notch facilities catering for your family's needs, so keep your eyes peeled for more info coming soon and keep checking www.campbestival.net and our Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

Camp Bestival 2017 Weekend Tickets are on sale now via: ticketline.co.uk or on 0844 888 4410.

BSO's Kokoro ensemble to perform in Bridport

THE BSO's dedicated new music ensemble Kokoro will be performing a diverse programme of recent British works together with a 20th century Russian masterpiece by the brilliantly inventive Shostakovich on Saturday, January 14th. This will be Kokoro's first concert at Bridport Arts Centre for several seasons and the ensemble are delighted to have been invited back to perform. The concert is in partnership with the Centre as part of both Kokoro's and the BSO's commitment to delivering world-class classical music to Dorset's rural communities in more intimate venues.

The programme will feature works by leading British composers including Michael Nyman, Thomas Adès and the late Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, alongside a performance of Shostakovich's soul-searching Piano Trio No.2. Tickets are still available for what promises to be another inspiring concert from the South and South West's leading contemporary music ensemble.

Kokoro play at Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3NR, Saturday, January 14th at 7.30pm. Ticket Prices: £14 (concessions available); online and telephone bookings are subject to a transaction fee of £1.50. To Buy Tickets: Please visit BSOlive.com or call or visit the Bridport Arts Centre Box Office on 01308 424204

Fringe Legend plays 'The Iron Lady'

NOT merely a reflection on how to portray this lady but a live audience with Margaret Thatcher; Pip Utton IS The 'Iron Lady'! Saviour or witch? Love her or hate her? Not for Pip to decide, only to portray.

Pip Utton, a firm favourite on the Artsreach touring circuit in Dorset and a legend at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, has produced numerous spellbinding performances over recent years, including 'Churchill', 'Chaplin' and 'Charles Dickens'. Winner of The Stage Special Award for Acting Excellence in 2015, 'Playing Maggie, The Iron Lady' is his latest triumphant piece of new writing.

From 1979, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher divided the nation like no other politician; she changed the face of British, and perhaps world politics forever, and the effects of her influence and policies are still felt today. In this spellbinding and provocative performance, listen to her philosophies, her inspiration and her logic, and then take the chance to question her as Pip not only becomes Margaret Thatcher, but risks taking audience questions, and answering them as The Iron Lady herself!

Pip Utton brings 'The Iron Lady' to West Stafford Village Hall on Saturday, January 14th at 7.30pm - for more details call 01305 265282.

He then returns to Dorset with a performance at Shipton Gorge Village Hall on Friday, February 24th at 7.30pm - for more details call 01308 897562.

Meadow Fairs launching new Antiques, Collectables and Decorative Fair in Axminster

AXMINSTER Guildhall is set to host a series of new Antiques, Collectables and Decorative Fairs, with the first fair taking place on Saturday, January 28th.

Meadow Fairs, organisers of the event, have previously run successful fairs in Beaminster.

There will be a large number of stands which will include pictures, books, jewellery, silver, glass, china, textiles, needlework and small furniture.

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The New Elizabethan Singers will be joined by professional soloists and accompanied by an orchestra that includes a period brass section.

Tickets (£12, under 18s free) are available from Goadsby and Bridport Music, both in South St, and the performance will be in St. Mary's Church, Bridport on January 28th, starting at 7.30 pm

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UNTIL WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

LYME REGIS: New Year's Art Sale! Begin 2017 by treating yourself to an affordable piece of art created by local artists who regularly exhibit in the Malthouse and Courtyard Galleries at Lyme Regis's Town Mill. You'll be able to choose from a wide variety of subject matter and media, 2D and 3D, on display in this annual show. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse and Courtyard Galleries, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11TH

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema showing 'GI Blues' starring Elvis Presley. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served £1.50. Ice creams also available. At Age UK Dorchester. For more details call 01305 269444.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

FRIDAY JANUARY 13TH

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. 'Rousdon village life under the Peeks'. Illustrated talk by Nicky Campbell. Nicky will concentrate on the people who worked on the estate, and their families. The Peeks were exceptionally good landlords and employers who created a close-knit community until the break-up of the estate in 1937. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.
MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH

BRIDPORT: Allington Strings New Year Concert at 3pm at Sir John Colfox Academy, Ridgeway. Arturo Serna conducts the Allington Strings in a programme of light classical favourites including Pacelbel's Canon, Bach's Double Violin Concerto, Mozart's Divertimento no 2, Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No1, Gershwin's Love Walked In and Percy Grainger's Mock Morris. Tickets £10 (under 18s free) available on the door or in advance from Bridport Music.
WEYMOUTH: Osmington Antiques Fair at Osmington village hall. From 10am to 4 pm. Free entry, parking, disabled access and toilets. Food and refreshments available throughout the day. This is a friendly fair with a large selection of interesting items to browse through. The fair is held every 3rd Sunday of the month and new traders are always welcome. Please check availability first. Contact Lyn on 07879 497319

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The Devon and Dorset Old Comrades Association meeting. The association meets every third Monday of the month at 11am at Haddon House in West Bay.

TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Story of Sutton Hoo Ship Burial' speaker Mark Cottle. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club. Talk by acclaimed photographer Tony Worobiec: "The Art of Composition". 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Chris Ireland-Jones on 'Bulbs for All Seasons'.
DORCHESTER: A talk will be given at St. George's Church Hall, Fordington, at 7.45pm. The speaker will be Brian Petit talking about "Zimbabwe: on the Wildside", An experience of a lifetime-a fantastic array of images of birds and other wildlife accumulated during many months. Admission £3 members, £3.50 visitors to include coffee and biscuits.

FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Members' Evening - Members Slide Shows. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'Ethel & Ernest' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door cost £4 for members of film club £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.

MONDAY JANUARY 23RD

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TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Social Evening at Uplyme Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Bring and Share food, a light-hearted Quiz, Sweet pea planting and a Seed Swap - bring your spare seeds and exchange them for something you have never grown before. You will also have the chance to pay your subscription and collect a 2017 Events leaflet.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

WOOTTON FITZPAINE: Nick Hennessey and Suunta - Fire in the North Sky. At Wootton Village Hall, 7.30pm. Suitable for ages 12+. Tickets £9, under 18 £7, family £28. Self service box office at the Charmouth Practice, info 01297 560872.

MONDAY JANUARY 30TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club's last Monday of the month, with Chris Toyne providing ther music, at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Entry £4 on guest band nights. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.
BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY JANUARY 31ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

BRIDPORT: Bridport Library are starting a 'Reminiscence' group once a month. Join us for reminiscence, chat and company at Bridport Library. 2-3pm.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

DORCHESTER: The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will be at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when there will be a talk from the Dorset Waste Partnership. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information. Membership subscriptions are now due.

Spring into 2017 with a new programme from Dorchester Arts

DORCHESTER ARTS is thrilled to confirm another jam-packed programme at Dorchester Corn Exchange to banish those winter blues. With big name comedians, music legends, rising stars, children's events and lots of theatre, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The music programme kicks of with Megson on Saturday, January 21st. This highly regarded duo have been nominated three times in the Radio 2 Folk Awards for their brilliant songwriting and northern humour. Folk fans have further treats in store with visits from Steve Knightley (March 8th), Ninebarrow (April 8th) and Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman (April 23rd). For Blues fans there's a fantastic double bill on February 11th when Jo Harman is supported by Elles Bailey, and the legendary Martin Harley is sure to please when he appears on March 25th with Daniel Kimbro. The season's big fundraising event is a Wild West Country Dance (March 3rd) with fantastic music and delicious food, and those who like to mix a little cider with their music should join Skimmity Hitchers and friends for a rollicking good night on April 28th.

Classical music comes from 11-piece ensemble Lavolta on January 22nd with a programme including works by Walton, Berio and Kurt Weill, and Swansea City Opera return on March 18th with A Night of Romantic Opera, an enchanting evening of arias including Puccini, Verdi, Bizet and Mozart.

There's plenty of jazz, starting with trumpet hero Enrico Tomasso alongside pianist Mike Denham (February 22nd), as Mike's Speakeasy events move from the County Museum to the Corn Exchange. On Friday, March 24th The Ronnie Scott's All Stars take to the stage in a visual and musical celebration of the legendary London club, and the jazz season is crowned with a rare chance to see Grammy nominee and vocal goddess Stacey Kent on April 22nd. With a visit from BRIT Award winning songstress Beverley Craven on Saturday March 11th this is a music season packed with treats.

Moving from music to theatre, David Bowie fans will not want to miss the opening theatre performance of the season: From Ibiza To The Norfolk Broads on Friday, January 27th is a powerful and darkly funny new play with a blistering Bowie soundtrack. Chekhov's Shorts on February 24th shows a different side of the great Russian author, proving that he was anything but glum all the time. Younger theatregoers will enjoy Thrive (March 10th), an exciting and immersive production tackling important issues for teenagers. We Are Bronte (April 21st) is a hilarious take on the world of the Yorkshire siblings, and An Elephant in the Garden brings another of Michael 'War Horse' Morpurgo's delightful tales to the stage during the Easter holidays (April 12th).

Comedy fans can look forward to a bumper crop of old and new faces, with youngster Zoe Lyons (January 28) followed by veteran Jenny Eclair (February 26th) and rising star of political comedy Matt Forde (April 1st) closely followed by veteran musical comic Richard Digance on April 6th.

For full listings and tickets visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or call Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926

Beverley Craven, March 11th

Chekhov's Shorts, February 24th

Bookends

Bookends to perform rescheduled tribute to Simon & Garfunkel this weekend

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Please note: This is the rescheduled show due to the postponement of the November 12th concert.

Spring 2017 highlights at Dorchester Corn Exchange

Music ▶ **Megson** Sat 21 Jan

Opera ▶ **A Night of Romantic Opera: Swansea City Opera** Sat 18 March

Theatre ▶ **From Ibiza To The Norfolk Broads** Fri 27 Jan

Theatre ▶ **We Are Brontë** Fri 21 Apr

Comedy ▶ **Zoe Lyons: Little Misfit** Sat 28 Jan

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WE ARE spoiled in this area with the glorious countryside and miles and miles of stunning coastline. A crisp cold winter walk along the beach is one of the things I look forward to the most after spending time in the city and I try to get out and about as often as I can. While I was on one of my seaside jaunts last week I happened to walk past the broadcaster and fashion designer Fearne Cotton who spent New Year in Lyme Regis with her family. The TV star posted some gorgeous pics on Instagram of the mini break and alongside her husband (who happens to be the son of The Rolling Stones' Ronnie Wood) obviously really savoured her time spent in West Dorset. It made me think about how popular our local area is with celebrities. I think it's mostly because they can properly get away from the suffocating lifestyle of the city, without the hazard of being constantly hounded by paparazzi and hoards of fans.

Whenever I meet celebs, I tell with great pride about where I live. They're often really envious of my lifestyle and many regale me of beloved memories of visits to our local area. The acclaimed actor Martin Jarvis talked with huge affection about family holidays to West Dorset when I interviewed him last year. The Marine Theatre marked his first ever foray onto stage when, as a child he enjoyed one of the annual summer variety shows at the seaside venue.

Professor Stephen Hawking was spotted in Lyme last year and television presenter Jeremy Kyle frequents the town. I once walked past one of my showbiz idols, Julie Walters, in Mill Geeen and wished I'd had the courage to stop and talk to her. However, I believe one of the attractions for big name stars is the fact they can relax and not be bothered, so I would never impose myself in that way. That's the reason why I never get photos with the celebs I meet in London too. Asking for selfies and autographs isn't something that is appropriate in most of the situations in which I meet them and I'm sure if I were to start asking for photos, I'd soon find my work would start to dry up.

Another fan of Lyme Regis is Take That star Gary Barlow, who has visited the Alexandra Hotel on a number of occasions. I'm off to meet Gary next week and I'm taking local award winning photographer Richard Austin with me, so on this occasion, I should get some photographic evidence. With his new TV show Let it Shine premiering on BBC1 last weekend and The Girls opening in the West End in February, Barlow really is the man of the moment as far as the world of musical theatre is concerned. I'm hugely excited about interviewing Gary at the rehearsal for The Girls and about meeting some legends of theatre too, including Clare Moore (whose many theatre credits include playing the original Ellen in Miss Saigon) Joanna Riding (who played Julie Jordan in Trevor Nunn's epic National Theatre production of Carousel and Jane Smart in the original West End cast of The Witches of Eastwick) and the indomitable Michelle Dotrice, who many will remember for her fabulous portrayal of Betty alongside Michael Crawford in the classic television show Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. I've recently seen both actors on stage; Dotrice provided a huge helping of humour to the play Nell Gwynn alongside Gemma Arterton and Crawford tryed his best in the rather pedestrian musical version of The Go Between (I struggled to stay awake!). Anyway, I'll let you know how I got on with Mr. Barlow and the Calendar Girls next week.

This week I had a chat to the star of the stage version of Khaled Hosseini's The Kite Runner, Ben Turner, who is best known for playing Jay in BBC1's Casualty and who was utterly adorable. I also talked to Max Caulfield after a couple of failed attempts about a musical called Death Takes a Holiday (many will know the story from the film Meet Joe Black, which starred Brad Pitt and Anthony Hopkins). Max was in the cult film Grease 2 and it was really interesting talking to the 57-year-old actor about his varied career, which has been immensely successful, both here and in America.

I also had a fab, but cold evening at Richard Branson's opulent Kensington Roof garden and chortled at some up and coming stand up comics including Rhys James and Chris Stokes.

Next week I'm off to see the Kite Runner at the Wyndham's Theatre and I'm invited to watch a rehearsal of the Strictly Come Dancing 10th anniversary Live Tour, so I'll get to meet all of the stars including the 2016 champion Ore Oduba (although not his partner Joanne Clifton as she's currently touring the UK in Thoroughly modern Mille), former Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls and all of the professional dancers.

It's also the tech rehearsals for my pantomime in Axminster. I'm pleased to say I now know (most of!) my lines, so I've just got the dance steps, the songs and my general woodenness to work on. Ah well, I'm sure it will be all right on the night.

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The Kite Runner starring Ben Turner (centre) at the Wyndhams Theatre

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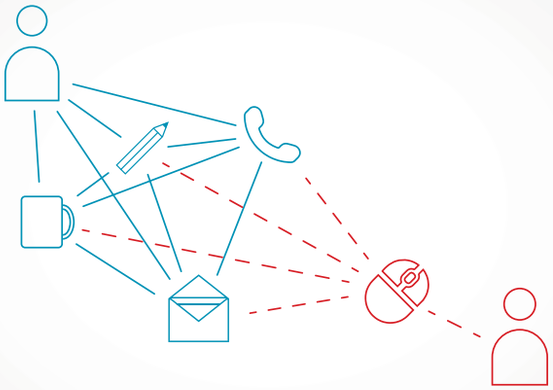

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When the President first rented their vacation home in December of 2008, he was just a few weeks from his inauguration as the first African-American president. The stock market was collapsing, unemployment was soaring, the housing market was in the early stages of an historic collapse and 195 people had recently died in four days of terrorism in Mumbai. A vacation in his native state, 5,000 miles from Washington, D.C., was one of President Obama's last chances to exhale before facing years of crises.

Each year, the President's vacation choice has been the once sleepy area of Kailua Bay on the windward side of the island. While the Obamas stayed at several different Hawaii homes, the place they rented from 2008 to 2012 was Plantation Estate at Paradise Point - located on a jut of land at the far end of the long crescent of Kailua Beach. Once favored by Hawaiian royalty for its views and natural beauty, it was later purchased by missionary Samuel Castle. The property stayed in the Castle family for generations and as late as the 1960s still was guarded by the family's Great Danes that would very effectively keep gawkers off the property. Today, it is one of the most luxurious beach resort locations in the world.

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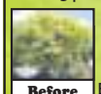

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New Jaguar F-TYPE debuts with world-first GoPro technology

ALREADY recognised as the most dynamically capable, performance-focused Jaguar, the F-TYPE sports car continues to evolve, with a fresh look, state-of-the-art infotainment system and world-first ReRun app that combines vehicle data with GoPro video to enhance the driving experience.

Since launch in 2012, Jaguar's all-aluminium two-seater has firmly established itself as the best-selling sports car in its segment in its home market and has won nearly 160 awards worldwide. The unrivalled balance of seductive design, stunning performance and outstanding dynamics has always made the F-TYPE unique, in a range that has evolved to include Coupé bodystyles, manual transmissions and intelligent all-wheel drive.

The new F-TYPE range offers even more driver-focused technology and a broader model range than ever, comprising 22 derivatives from the purist appeal of the rear-wheel drive, 340PS F-TYPE to the 200mph, all-wheel drive F-TYPE SVR – Jaguar's all-weather supercar.

Every F-TYPE now features the Touch Pro infotainment system. Its super-fast responses, intuitive tablet-style operation, intelligent navigation functions such as Share ETA and online services such as real-time traffic and live weather reports make every journey more rewarding and put a world of information at the driver's fingertips.

True enthusiasts will be able to capture and share their driving experiences using the new ReRun app developed in collaboration with GoPro. In a world-first, ReRun combines real-time video from the driver's GoPro with key vehicle performance data including speed, throttle position, gear selection, braking force and g force. The high quality video – including unique 'highlights' sections – can be downloaded to the driver's smartphone and shared on social media.

The F-TYPE's award-wining design is stronger and more focused, with clearer visual range differentiation thanks to model-specific front bumpers. Full LED headlights boost visual appeal still further and help improve driver safety and comfort.

"Great sports car design is about proportion and purity. The most challenging element of the process for designers is to focus on and maintain an exciting silhouette that promises performance. For the 2018 model year F-TYPE, we looked at how we could fine-tune key details to deliver even more clarity of purpose in the overall design – for the driver, the passenger and onlookers."

Ian Callum, Director of Design, Jaguar

The addition of lightweight slimline seats and new chrome and aluminium trim finishers heighten the driver-focused feel of the interior and perfectly complement the enhanced interior colour schemes including the Siena Tan leather option now available across the range.

To mark the introduction of the new F-TYPE range Jaguar has developed the exclusive 400 SPORT launch edition, which will go on sale worldwide but for one model year only. Power from the new 400PS version of the 3.0-litre supercharged V6 engine is complemented by an uprated chassis comprising the Super Performance braking system, Configurable Dynamics and 20-inch wheels with a unique Dark Satin Grey finish.

Distinctive Yellow and Dark Satin Grey 400 SPORT badges on the rear of the car and on the front splitter hint at the extra power concealed beneath the clamshell bonnet and perfectly complement the choice of Indus Silver, Santorini Black and Yulong White metallic paint. Interior design elements include 400 SPORT branding in the centre console, steering wheel, treadplates and embroidered headrests. Yellow contrast stitching features throughout the cabin.

18 Model Year introduces the R-Dynamic derivative proposition to the F-TYPE line-up. It is available as a 340PS V6 F-TYPE R-Dynamic and offers 19-inch wheels, LED Headlights, Exterior body styling with gloss black accents, interior console change and switchable active exhaust for £3,700 over the 340PS V6 F-TYPE. The 380PS V6 F-TYPE R-Dynamic replaces the 380PS V6S of today, and also incorporates these striking visual changes as well as coming with 20-inch alloy wheels.

Joining the F-TYPE's comprehensive suite of driver-focused assistance systems is a semi-automated park-assist function designed to make parallel parking in even the tightest of spaces quicker and easier. When passing a potential space, the car's ultrasonic parking sensors measure its length. If suitable, the system takes care of the steering: all the driver has to do is press a button, engage reverse and control the throttle and brakes. The system will also guide the vehicle out of the space when it's time to leave.

The new F-TYPE range in the UK will consist of:

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Vauxhall celebrates sales hat-trick with award-winning Astra

ROUNDING off last year in style, Vauxhall's multi award-winning Astra has celebrated a sales hat-trick by being number one in its segment in each of the last three months of 2016.

According to figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the Astra cruised to victory with 15,948 sold in the fourth quarter and a total of 32,313 sold between July and December 2016, making it the best-selling car in its segment in the second half of the year, too.

This sales momentum capped a superb year for Vauxhall's family hatchback, having built up an impressive list of accolades including 2016 European Car of Year, a game-changer award from Autocar and category wins at the Auto Express, What Car? and Fleet News awards.

In Scotland, Vauxhall was the largest selling manufacturer, according to figures released by the Scottish Motor Trade Association. Vauxhall has been number one in the region for the last nine years.

With over 10,000 sold last year, the Corsa was Scotland's best-selling car. The top-selling Corsa has been Scotland's best-selling car for seven out of the last eight years. Two other Vauxhall models featured in Scotland's top ten best-sellers, including the Astra in fifth place with 5,260 sold and the Mokka in tenth place with 3,843 sold.

And if that wasn't enough, Vauxhall is the number one supplier to Police fleets with a 70 per cent market share of competitive segments. A position it hopes to strengthen after opening the largest Police car factory in Europe at its manufacturing plant in Luton, Bedfordshire last year.

"The Astra is the best family car on the market," said Rory Harvey, Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director. "After winning a host of top awards, 2016 was the new Astra's first full year on the market and I am very pleased to see it top its segment in the fourth quarter and the second half of the year. Now we focus on 2017, with our best-ever product portfolio and five new models in the pipeline."

Vauxhall is set for a ground-breaking 2017, with a total of five major product launches that will add further variety to its range, already one of the largest in the UK, while at the same time entering new market segments. The five new models are the Insignia Grand Sport, Sports Tourer and Country Tourer, Crossland X and Grandland X.

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Wells City	24	33
Gillingham Town	23	32
Shepton Mallet	25	32
Cadbury Heath	20	31
Chipping Sodbury	23	29
Clevedon Town	23	27
Brislington	19	24
BRIDPORT	22	22
Longwell Green	23	16
Bitton	23	14
Sherborne Town	23	12
Hallen	24	8

Dorset Premier	Pld	Pts
Balti Sports	20	49
Holt Utd	17	43
Swanage & Herston	18	39
Westland Sports	20	36
Hamworthy Recreation	19	36*
Dorchester Sports	18	35
Parley Sports	16	29
Merley Cobham Sports	14	27
Blandford Utd	18	26
Gillingham Town Res	16	25
BRIDPORT RES	20	23
Sturminster Newton Utd	17	17
Wareham Rangers	17	15
Mere Town	20	14
Hamworthy Utd Res	19	11
Sherborne Town Res	18	9
Cranborne	19	3

D&E Division 1	Pld	Pts
Cronies FC	12	32
Sidmouth Town Res	13	24
Colyton	12	22
LYME REGIS	11	20
Exeter University Res	11	19
Witheridge Reserves	11	18
Exmouth Town Reserves	11	16
Alphington Reserves	12	12
Willand Rovers Res	15	10
Wellington Reserves	12	9
Bickleigh	12	2

D&E Division 6	Pld	Pts
Exwick Village	14	34
Winkleigh	12	33
Hemyock	12	25
Offwell Rangers	13	24
LYME REGIS RES	12	24
Central FC	10	19
Halwill Reserves	14	18
Tivvy Park Rangers	13	17
Elmore Reserves	12	13
Dunkeswell Rovers	13	11
Stoke Hill	11	8
Silverton	14	5
Hatherleigh Reserves	14	5

Perry Street Prem (20)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	12	31
South Petherton	10	23
Shepton Beauchamp	10	23
Winsham Utd	12	22
Barrington	9	21
Misterton	10	16
Chard Utd	9	11
West & Middle Chinnock	10	9
Netherbury	11	6
Combe Reserves	9	2*
Drimpton	12	0

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Merriott Rovers	9	18
Forton Rangers	9	17
Pymore	8	17
Hawkchurch Utd	6	13
Uplyme	9	11
Waytown Hounds	7	10
Ilminster Town Colts	8	10
Shepton Beauchamp Res	7	8*
Combe A	8	7
South Petherton Reserves	9	1

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	10	27
Farway Utd	11	21
Charmouth	11	19
Winsham Utd Reserves	9	19
Halstock	7	18
Dowlish & Donyatt	10	12
Thorncombe	10	8
Crewkerne Rangers	8	6
Kingsbury Episcopi	10	6
Chard Utd Reserves	8	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Forton Rangers Reserves	10	24
Uplyme Reserves	10	24
Misterton Reserves	9	23
Crewkerne Rangers Res	12	19
Thorncombe Reserves	12	16
Merriott Dynamos	10	16
Ilminster Town A	12	16
Lyme Regis Rovers	12	13*
Fivehead	9	12
Chard Rangers Reserves	13	11
Farway Utd Reserves	12	8
Chard Utd All Stars	9	2*

Beaminster title push gathers momentum

Stopper Stevens thwarts Lyme - Hussey bags two as Pymore dent Merriott hopes - Uplyme hit six, but leaky defence a worry

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

LYME REGIS 2 ALPHINGTON RES 2 (D1)

A DRAMATIC last five minutes saw Lyme Regis appear to lose, salvage and then squander points in a game that they should have had sewn up long, long before.

With both teams looking rusty after the Christmas break, the opening 10 minutes were low key. But The Seasiders took the lead when Dom Rowe climbed highest to powerfully head home a classic centre back's header from a Robbie Fellingham corner.

But Alphington looked a far more potent outfit in the first half to the side that were well beaten 4-1 in the East Devon Senior Cup tie at the Fort back in September, and they went close to equalising only to be denied by Rowe who did well to recover and get back to hook a shot off the line.

At the other end The Seasiders, and centre forward Rhys Hayter in particular, found Alphas' keeper James Stevens in superb form as he made several fine stops.

These inspired the visitors and they duly equalised from a Harry Slack penalty after referee Viv Cooke had spotted a trip in the box.

Undeterred, Lyme continued to press and skipper Gary Knight appeared certain to score as he timed his run perfectly to meet a Fellingham corner but Stevens once again did well to somehow keep the ball out.

A string a chances fell to the Seasiders early in the second half; Darren Lock headed narrowly wide, Fred Parsons had low shot blocked by a defender, Rowe had a header kicked off the line, and Mark Bailey's low cross was inches beyond the stretching Hayter.

At this point Julien Simier came off the bench to replace Hayter and

◆ **POINT SAVER:** Julien Simier

went on to put in a useful half hour cameo.

The Frenchman quickly had a couple of headers saved by Stevens who then had his fingers warmed by a stinging drive from Lock after he cut in from the left flank.

Despite being pushed back into their own third for much of the second half the visitors still carried a threat on the counter, and Lee Cleal made a smart instinctive save to beat away a goal bound shot 10 minutes from time.

But it still seemed to be Lyme's game to win and Simier forced Stevens to a parry away a shot destined for the bottom corner.

But a hush fell over the home support in the 85th minute when Slack broke away at the other end and scored his second with a shot that Cleal half saved but the ball dribbled over the line.

However, the Alphas' surprise lead lasted just 28 seconds as Tristan Gale, who looked lively after coming off the bench, had his shot saved but Simier was on-hand to tuck away the rebound.

Tails up, it seemed a late Lyme winner would come. The overworked Stevens did well to tip a Fellingham shot around the post but the best chance arrived in the dying seconds.

Fellingham smashed in a fierce free kick that Stevens could only push vertically up in the air but MoM Rowe nodded the dropping ball against the crossbar from a yard out with the goal gaping.

So disappointment for manager Robin Townsend and his team, but they were at least boosted by the news that title rivals Cronies FC were held at home by a similar score line by Exmouth Town Reserves.

Match Sponsors, The Ship Inn, Lyme Regis' Man of the Match: Dominic Rowe.

Lyme Regis; *Lee Cleal, Sam Day, Kingsley Wellman, Gary Knight (Capt), Dom Rowe, Darren Lock, Fred Parsons (Kieren Daniels 66), Mark Bailey, Cody Bowditch (Tristan Gale 71), Rhys Hayter (Julien Simier 59), Robbie Fellingham.*

Other Division One results;
Cronies FC 2 Exmouth Town Res 2
Sidmouth Town Res 3 Bickleigh 1
Witheridge Res 4 Willand Res 3

A mention too for Lyme Regis-born **Cameron Vere** who was a member of the Exmouth Town team which secured a place in the last 16 of the FA Vase with a 4-0 hammering of Kent-based Corinthians on Saturday.

DUNKESWELL ROVERS 2
LYME REGIS RESERVES 5 (D6)

LYME Regis Reserves maintained their promotion push with a comfortable away win on a day when the leading five teams all banked three points.

The Seasiders, kicking up the slope, took the lead in the 10th minute when Rhys Evans' cross-come-shot nestled in the bracket in the far top corner of the Dunks' goal.

The lead was doubled when Dec Ellis slotted home after good work from strike partner Sam Beavis.

The pair then linked again with Ellis turning home Bevis' cross at the near post from five yards out.

The hosts offered little in the first half although Lyme keeper Ryan Turner did well with a fine close range reaction save.

Ellis completed his hat-trick in the second half with header from a Beavis cross and then made it 5-0 – with Beavis once again the provider.

The hosts grabbed two late consolations with the second coming from the last kick of the game."

"We could have had a lot more, but overall it was a good performance," said Lyme boss Gerard Hitchcock.

Other Division Six results;
Central FC 0 Winkleigh 5
Elmore 1 Halwill Reserves 2
Exwick Village 7 Hatherleigh Res1
Stoke Hill 0 Offwell Rangers 2
Tivvy Park Rangers 0 Hemyock 5

PERRY STREET LEAGUE PREMIER

BEAMINSTER 6 SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 1

NEWLY crowned Coronation Cup champions Beaminster took a major step towards the Premier Division title with a comprehensive victory over rivals Shepton Beauchamp at the Memorial Ground.

Beaminster took the lead after just 70 seconds when Rich Hebditch drilled a 20-yard free-kick under the Shepton defensive wall.

Murray Legg then looped home a header to make it 2-0 before Shepton had really got going. Two became three when Hebditch netted his second free kick of the game.

The first half scoring was completed when Ryan Gall rose well to

◆ **HEADER:** Ryan Gall

head home his first goal of the season.

The visitors, boosted by the return of Kris Hastings and Dan Smith, looked better in the early stages of the second half and pulled one back through Brad Pitman.

At the other end Hebditch squandered the chance of a hat-trick when his penalty was saved by Rich Pippin, but the league top scorer atoned soon after with his 36th goal of the season.

The scoring was rounded off when Legg chested home a cross from close range.

Beaminster manager Gordy Childs picked out Hebditch, Dan Baggs and Shane Evans as his top performers.

DIVISION ONE

PYMORE 3 MERRIOTT ROVERS 2

MERRIOTT Rovers' unbeaten run came to an end at Pymore who remain in the Division One promotion race.

The hosts took an early lead when Rovers' stand-in keeper Rob Stubbins' attempted clearance was charged down by Tim Hussey who then gleefully lashed the ball home.

The lead lasted until the 35th minute when skipper Fred Ethington's foul in the area allowed Dan Rudge to equalise from the penalty spot.

Merriott took the lead early in the second half through Mike Browncey and went in search of the killer third goal.

But Pymore weathered the storm thanks to some excellent goalkeeping from Charlie Youngs.

The west Dorset side equalised 15 minutes from time through substitute Jed Holt and Hussey struck again in the 81st minute to clinch a thrilling victory.

After the game Pymore player-assistant manager Matt Tither said: "After four weeks off this was the perfect way to return.

"The lads were superb with everyone working their socks off, Ryan Gay had an excellent game at right back while Charlie made some fine saves."

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP RES 4 UPLYME 6

UPLYME Joint manager Jon Matthews is looking for his team's defence to tighten up after being given a scare before coming out on top in a 10-goal encounter at Brimgrove Lane.

"Defensively we were shocking in the first half, but to be fair, we did improve after the half-time interval and went on to control the game," said Matthews.

All looked good as strikes from Brad Rowe and Fred Thomson give the Swallows an early two-goal cushion.

The hosts pulled one back only for Jake Bearpark to make it 3-1 from the penalty spot.

But Shepton kept plugging away and scored twice to level things up at 3-3 before Dan Boot edged the Devnonians back in the front.

However, the hosts had the last say and a wide open first half ended 4-4 taking Uplyme's goals against tally to 24 in their last eight matches.

The second period belonged to Uplyme who scored twice through Niall Fifer and Boot to seal the win.

"Hopefully we can learn from our first half performance and tighten things up at the back to take the pressure off our dangerous offence," said Matthews.

WAYTOWN HOUNDS 2 FORTON RANGERS 0

WAYTOWN Hounds fine recent form continued as they stopped title-chasing Forton Rangers in their tracks with two late goals.

Forton turned up with seven changes from the squad that had recently beaten Hawkchurch United 2-1 in the League Cup Final.

After a tight 82 minutes the game was decided in the closing stages. Adam Cody-Boutcher pounced after the Rangers' keeper had miscued his goal kick and cooly slotted home.

This forced the visitors to chase a point saver and they were hit again when Tom Rutland weaved past three defenders before rounding off a superb solo effort.

A pleased Waytown boss Joe Carter told *View Sport*: "I think we created the best chances before we finally scored – their keeper played well. We were solid at the back with Ryan Sweetman putting in another strong performance, but my MoM was Cody-Botcher who played with commitment and determination and also grabbed the crucial goal."

DIVISION TWO

DOWLISH & DONYATT 2 CHARMOUTH 1

CHARMOUTH were punished for not taking their chances against Dowlish & Donyatt at their temporary home at Seavington.

The Robins opened the scoring going down the slope when last season's 30-goal top scorer Dan Rendell shot across the keeper for his first

◆ **CONSOLATION:** Dan Rendell

since October.

But Dowlish levelled when a deflected cross from Nathan Doey looped into the far corner of the net.

The winner came in bizarre circumstances 10 minutes from time when a long free kick from the halfway line from Dowlish's Matty Baker dipped just under the crossbar to leave the Robins emptyhanded.

Charmouth boss Kevin Pratt was dismayed at the result, he said: "It was real game of missed chances by us and Dowlish rode their luck!

"We played ok throughout the match but could not put the ball in the back of the net.

"It was a very disappointing result not helped with a sloping pitch with long grass that lent itself to 'lump it and chase' football, there were also a few dubious refereeing decisions which led to a very frustrating day and definitely three points dropped."

OTHER SCORES - PREMIER; Chard Utd 6 (D.Rogers 3, T.Newport 2, B.Davies) Drimpton 1 (B.Hayne – 300th goal), S.Petherton 2 (A.Smith, R.Thurgood) Combe Res 1, W&M Chinnock 2 (T.Charles, L.Samways) Misterton 6 (J.Blunn 3, H.Charles, J.Rendell, C.Warren), Winsham Utd 1 (C.Sutherland) Barrington 4 (A.Whitefield 2, G.Dare, A.Paul).

DIVISION ONE; Combe A 8 (A.Tovey 3, R.Fanyinka 2, M.Usher, R.Curwood, S.Vincent) South Petherton Res 3 (D.Goodson 2, H.Clayton), Ilminster Town Colts P-P Hawkchurch Utd, Pymore 3 Merriott Rovers 2 (D.Rudge, M.Browncey), Shepton Beau Res 4 (J.Brain, S.Rowlands, T.Lock, T.Crocker) Uplyme 6 (D.Boot 2, N.Fifer, F.thomson, B.rowe, J.Bearpark), Waytown Hounds 2 (T.Rutland, A.Cody-Boutcher) Forton Rangers 0.

DIVISION TWO; Chard Rangers P-P Crewkerne Rangers, Dowlish & Donyatt 2 (N.Doey, M.Baker) Charmouth 1, Halstock 14 (M.Cawley 4, J.Parrott 4, M.Whitmarsh 2, C.Tanner, J.Tavener, A.Leckenby, OG) Chard Utd Res 0.

DIVISION THREE; Farway Utd Res 2 (T.Rich, OG) Chard Rangers Res 8 (A.Evans 4, John Mason, K.Fletcher, x2 OGs), Fivehead P-P Lyme Regis Rovers, Forton Rangers Res 4 (S.Packer, J.Alford, E.James, B.Marsden) Ilminster Town A 1 (M.Vinall), Misterton Res 5 (C.Preston 2, S.Weston, K.Bailey, K.Adams, A.Dodge) Merriott Dynamos 1 (D.McCall), Thorncombe Res 6 (W.Stanton 6) Chard Utd All Stars 0.

Dorset Football

Town take a tonking!

SENIOR LEAGUE

LEAGUE leaders Witchampton won 3-1 at home against Corfe Mullen Utd with goals from Dave Perry, Jason Shearing and Jamie Edwards while Mike Corbet netted the Corfeconsolation.

DORCHESTER SPORTS RESERVES won 2-1 away at Piddletrenthide Utd with Neil Calloway on target for the hosts.

Shaftesbury Town Reserves won 2-0 away at Allendale while CHICKERELL UTD proved too strong for visitors Portland Utd Reserves and eased to a 5-1 win with goals from Nick Etherington, Aaron Ryan, Matt Harvey, Warren White and Neil Dewey.

Blandford Utd won 3-1 away at Westlands Sports Reserves where William Stobbs scored for Westlands.

Meanwhile, Grzegorz Kowaczyk, Karol Borowski, Karol Bednarowski, and Florinel Bujor all netted for Boscombe Polonia as they won 4-2 at home against Poole Borough.

DIVISION ONE

BROADSTONE moved to the top of the table with a 5-1 home win against WEYMOUTH A. Dan Frisby (2), Mike Todd, Ciaran Miller and Ciaran Cuddy all scored for Broadstone.

Second placed Mere Town Reserves won 3-1 away at Balti Sports Reserves while Wareham Rangers won 5-1 , also on their travels, at PORTLAND UTD YOUTH. Bryn Lewis scored for Portland.

DIVISION THREE

LEAGUE leaders Sturminster Marshall mauled visitors PORTLAND TOWN A 11-0 while four goals for Chris Wareham and one for Ashley Rowland saw Okeford win 5-1 at home to South Cheriton.

DIVISION TWO

TOP of the table Allendale Reserves thrashed Milborne Port Res 7-1 with goals from Harry Vivian (2), Josh Wrixton (2), Jack Avery, Kierean Phillips and Sean Steele. Joe Boon scored for Milborne.

Second placed Piddlehinton won 4-0 at home against Sturminster Newton Reserves with goals from Adam Barratt, Lucas Allen, David Weldon and Elliott Brerley.

Stalbridge visited Broadmayne and won 3-1 with Dan O,Rourke scoring for Broadmayne. Meanwhile, An OG, Chucky Taylor and Tom Ryan were enough for Chickerell Utd Reserves to win 3-2 away at Owermoigne.

Matt Croxson (2) and Aaron Ryan scored for PORTESHAM UTD as they won 3-2 against visitors Maiden Newton and Cattistock.

DIVISION FOUR

BO Herrington, Ben Tattersall and Scott Green all scored for league leaders Swanage RBL as they won 3-2 at home to Shillingstone.

CHICKERELL UTD A won 2-0 away at Marnhull Reserves with Dillon Ackerman and Matt Stickland both getting on the scoresheet.

Lychett & Upton Red Triangle won 4-2 at home to PORTSHAM UTD RESERVES with goals from Nigel Cowler (2), Steve Terry and Maverick Nightingale.

Finally, PORTLAND TOWN B beat visitors Wool & Winfrith A 5-1courtesy of strikes from Matt Brown (2), Ryan Martin, Jack Stone and Joe Atkins.

Bowls round-up

Bridport swamped by Five Rivers

BRIDPORT's men were well beaten 52-108 overall in the Wessex League against FIVE RIVERS (Salisbury).

However, despite the crushing defeat, they did pick up two points with a 23-22 win by Roger Cowmeadow, Bill Payne, Stephen Grier and Brian Rumble at Salisbury. Trailling 17-22, a magnificent six count on the final end saw them home.

Brian Iversen, Ken Enticott, Martin Grier and Chris Thorne went down 10-23 in the second game in Wiltshire.

At home Bridport felt the full might of the Five Rivers young stars, and it was very much a crack commando unit against Dad's Army as Brian Baker, Mike Higman, Ken Sanger and Brian Conisbee were beaten 13-26, whilst Barry Mapson, Keith Jenkins, Dave Roberts and Bob Taylor were thrashed 6-37.

Bridport played hosts to AXMINSTER in a four rink mixed friendly. The visitors were on fine form winning all four rinks and an overall 52-84 victory.

Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Joyce Rendell and Dave Aylott were Bridport's best rink going down 13-17, whilst Sue Jenkin, Caroline Earwood, Harry Gray and Roger Cowmeadow dropped a five count on the final end to lose 11-19.

A one, five finish by their opponents saw Pam Gray, Brian Parker, John Davies and Mike

Parsons lose 16-24, and although Erica Sarson, Keven Rendell, Derek Earwood and David Jenkin were only 6-8 down at the tea interval, they finally lost 12-24.

AXMINSTER

AXMINSTER Indoor Bowls Club won their three mixed friendlies but suffered narrow defeats in their two County matches over the Christmas period.

The first of the friendlies saw us beat SIDMOUTH 67-57 at home with a winning rink of Malcolm Denslow, James Windsor, David Harris & Roger Legg (29-17) while the other rinks of Brian Downton, Mike Hennegan, Nigel Bond & Alfie Day and Brian Cursley, Glen Elliott, Neil Solomon & Derek Pheby were both unlucky to lose by just one shot.

Next we won 84-52 at BRIDPORT with wins on all rinks; John Ellis, Marion Harris, Malcolm Denslow & John Hill (24-12), Pam Hunter, Gerald Knott, Neil Solomon & Derek Pheby (24-16), Brian Cursley, Nigel Bond, Jean Kesterton & George Mabon (19-11) and Sue Bond, Andy Curtis, David Harris & Brian Clark (17-13).

◆ **WINNERS:** Reg Studley, Mrs Terri Pashen (Andy Parsons & Assosciates), Madge Churches (Club President) Philip Emeny, Alan McDine pictured after the recent triples tournament at Moonfleet BC.

We then beat the NOMADS 80-37 at home again with wins on all rinks; Phil White, Andy Curtis, George Mabon & Alfie Day (30-12), Steven Apsey, David Harris, Ann Clayton & Brian Clark (28-12) and Sue Bond, Nigel Bond, Jean Kesterton & Margaret Crompton (22-13).

In the County matches the Ladies were unlucky to lose their 'Lanes' match 66-65 against ISCA with both home rinks winning well - Phil White, Sue Bond & Ann Clayton (21-13) and Barbara Mowatt, Sue Rowe & Jean Kesterton (19-9).

On the same day the men lost their County Over 60s match with HONITON by just three shots with their only winners being the away rink of Malcolm Denslow, David Harris, Don Meylan & John Gough (25-11).

In the only other game played the Ladies lost their friendly 67-52 at SIDMOUTH despite the great efforts of Brenda Edwards, Gill Campbell, Alison Glyde & Margaret Crompton (29-11).

MOONFLEET

A RECENT sponsored competition for members at Moonfleet Indoor Bowls Club attracted 36 members who where drawn into 12 teams who then played on a round-robin basis before a knockout of the top four.

The winning team were; Reg Studley, Philip Emeny & Alan McDine. They were presented with their prizes by Mrs Terri Pashen of *Andy Parsons Associates* the ossponsors of the competition.

THE Government and Health Authorities are encouraging the public to Get Active, by taking up a form of sports activity.

Indoor Bowls is a sport for all ages from eight to 80 plus. It is of course played 52 weeks a year, no matter what the weather. It is a game for all abilities, from friendly to International, and at Moonfleet 2000 Indoor Bowls Club you can meet and mix with them all.

The Club, situated in a purpose built bowls hall at the Marsh Sports Ground just of Knightsdale Road in Weymouth, is holding an Open Day between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, January14th.

The club's Junior section also meet on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12pm.

The club has six specially adapted wheelchairs , which enables the not so nimble, to play the game

Being 'Clubmark' registered they are run in accordance with all National guidelines in regard to Child and Vulnerable Adult protection.

If, after attending the Open Day, you are still not sure if you would like to join the club, why not sign up for one of the five session, two hours per week beginners courses? These cost a total of £15.

For more information you can visit the website, www.weymouthindoorbowlingclub.co.uk or ring the club during office hours on 01305 759106.

Youth Cricket

Martinstown U14 maintain record

MARTINSTOWN U14 148-2 BEAT BERE REGIS 84-2 BY 64 RUNS

A DOMINANT Martinstown continued their unbeaten season with a 64 run win over Bere Regis.

Batting first, Martinstown openers Sean Williams (33*) and Jack Kane (34*) punished anything loose with positive stroke play as 60 runs came from the first five overs.

With both retiring, Bere's Jake Perch (2-0-19-2) had Coombes clean bowled for a duck as his team looked to impose themselves on the game.

Charlie Durant (29*) and Jon Samways (26*) kept the score ticking over at a good rate as Martinstown looked to post a decent total.

But the Bere bowlers never gave up and, combined with an impressive display in the field, restricted the final total to 148.

Chasing 149 for victory, Bere lost Jacob George (3) cleaned bowled by Durrant in the second over as they found runs difficult to come by against an accurate Martinstown attack.

Matthew Lappin (2-0-27-1) had Ollie Mayo (12) athletically caught by Coombes as the pressure built on the batsman.

Elliot Woodhouse (28*) held the innings together with a cultured innings containing some fine shots, but against a Martinstown attack with Kane only conceding eight runs off his two overs, and Durrant finishing with 3-0-21-1 the run rate continued to rise.

Samways (2-0-9-1) only conceded two off the penultimate over and the writing was on the wall.

Despite a valiant effort, Bere were beaten by 64 runs as Martinstown once again produced an excellent all round display.

School Sports

Youngsters in battle for netball supremacy

◆ **WINNERS:** Litton Cheney (left) and Loders teams at The Sir John Colfox School

◆ **WINNERS:** Stickland (left) and Broadwindsor teams that qualified at Beaminster School

FIFTEEN Bridport and Beaminster area primary schools took part in the annual Hi 5 netball tournaments recently, where 150 netballers, well prepared for the conditions battled it out at Beaminster School and The Sir John Colfox Academy. At Beaminster, Sticklands, Evershot and Broadwindsor schools came out on top whilst Thorners, Litton Cheney and Loders were the top two at TSJCA, and all four will now go on to the West Dorset Primary School finals to be held at Beaminster School on January 31st. The winners from that will go to the Dorset School Games on April 3rd.

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e January 7th.

Mixed Pairs
THE following players are through to the Mixed Pairs Final at Wootton Club on Friday, May 12th:
R Parsons & G Parsons, D Heath & R Bevis, D Rickard & J Rickard, A Rattenbury & B Rattenbury, E Bearpark & N Bearpark, J White & J White, J Wyatt & R Wyatt, A Gillings & D Gillings, S Rickard & K Bearpark.

Division One George Nomination Cup preliminary round
Anthill Mob 196 No Hopers 239.

Division Two Curtis Nomination Cup preliminary round:
Shakers 145 Trappers 190.
The winners play in next round of the George/Curtis Nomination Cups on Friday, February 3rd.

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
No Hopers	7	14	12
Marksmen	8	14	10
Flyers	8	12	4
Wreckers	8	6	8
Young Guns	7	6	8
Trappers	7	6	4
Anthill Mob	8	4	12
Clueless	7	4	2
Rousdon Rebels	8	2	8

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	6	11	8
President's Men	6	9	8
Miscellaneous	6	9	4
Alleytwits	6	6	8
Tornadoes	6	4	2
British Legion	6	2	4
Shakers	6	1	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobb	7	10	11
Skittso's	6	10	10
Rollercoasters	7	8	10
Hot Gossips	5	6	6
Smashers	7	6	5
Wild Pins	5	6	5
La Crème	6	2	2
Generations	7	2	1

East Devon short mat bowls

Evening D1	Pld	Pts
Beer	6	10
Sidbury Whites	4	7
Sidbury	5	6
Colyton	6	5
Upottery	4	4
Musbury	5	4
Seaton	6	2

Evening D2	Pld	Pts
Awliscombe	8	10
West Hill	6	9
Uffculme	7	8
Sidbury Reds	7	7
Ottery St Mary	6	5
Colyton B	6	1

Afternoon D1	Pld	Pts
Awliscombe	7	10
Colyton	7	8
Upottery	7	7
Beer	5	5
Ottery St Mary	6	5
Seaton Yellow	6	3

Afternoon D2	Pld	Pts
St Teresa's	7	8
Seaton Blue	6	8
Combe St Nicholas B	6	7
Chard	7	6
Sidford Blue	6	5
Lyme Regis	6	4

Afternoon D3	Pld	Pts
Hemyock B	7	8
Musbury	6	8
Seaton Green	6	7
Colyton B	6	6
Combe St Nicholas A	6	6
Sidford White	5	1

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	9	17
BSC	9	13
Nomads	9	13
Well Hung Clocks	8	11
Five Sticky Fingers	9	10
Hands of Time	9	8
Nags Head A	9	5
Noth'n But Treble	9	5
Les Miserables	8	5
Rubber Johns	9	1

180s; Tony Young & Terry Prowse x5, Nigel Lamb x4, Steve Garrett & Ryan Cross x3, six players x2, nine players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	9	15
One for the Vikings	9	13
The Stingers	9	12
Odds or Us	9	12
Respect-de-Bull	8	10
Elders	9	9
Dat Team	9	5
Otter Rotters	9	4
No Direction	8	4
Anchor Five	9	4

180s; Ashley Parker, Shane Parker, Dan Rawlings, Andy Reid & Stuart Alner all x2, 10 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	9	17
Poachers	9	15
Dart Vaders	9	12
The Surgeons	9	10
Midnight Runners	9	8
Anchor Vale Viewers	9	8
Tiger Bees	9	7
Flashes Fives	9	6
Royal Hawks	9	6
Time Bombs	9	1

180s; Paul Gumbrill x2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick & Danny Sorrell all x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	9	15
No Chance	9	13
Wicked Team Name	9	13
The Nameless	9	11
Whamo	9	10
-1-11	9	10
Odds & Sods	9	7
Sorted Odds	9	6
Hopeful Bashers	9	5
The Royal Nuts	9	0

180s; Andy Page, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	14	26
Queens Bees	14	24
Arrows Awry	14	23
Sue's Rebels	14	18
Odd One Out	14	17
Clocking On	14	17
Queenies of the Club	14	15
Castaways	13	13
Against the Odds	14	9
Charlie's Angels	14	9
Don's Damsels	14	8
Good Mates	14	7
Drunking Aware	14	5
Tiger Stripes	13	3

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.

Bridport Crib

Table	Pd	Pts	BL
Durbeyfield	10	84	10
Anchor Inn	10	82	17
H & Anchor B	11	81	12
Oddfellows	11	81	14
Crown Inn B	10	79	16
Ilchester Arms	10	74	15
George, WBay	10	66	16
Crown Inn A	9	64	17
H & Anchor A	9	64	12

Lyme Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	6	15
Hunters Hot Pots	6	15
Wozo's Warriors	6	15
Smack the Rack	7	13
Drunken Sailors	6	10
Nags Head Trotters	7	9
Old Cobbies	6	3
Real Talbot	6	3
Ranger & Friends	6	0

Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Bees buckle under Balti barrage

Balti Sports 5 Bridport Reserves 0
Dorset Premier League

FOR 35 minutes Bridport Reserves matched league leaders Balti Sports in every department, defending well against a free scoring attack, and creating a few chances of their own to the point that the hosts were becoming frustrated and unsettled among themselves at their inability to break down a young Bees team.

Then disaster struck. Bridport, missing veteran assistant manager Simon Gale and top goalscorer Josh Hunter who was suspended, failed to defend a corner and Josh Houghton rose unchallenged in front of goal to head his side in front.

Having matched their opponents in every department, the goal took some of the wind out of Bridport's sails and the confidence drained away, and they trudged off at half time three goals down having conceded another two preventable goals to Ethan Devaney and Ricky Lane.

Things didn't improve after the break for the Bees as sub Danny Andrews added a fourth with Sean Zima completing the scoring.

Bees manager Shaun Annetts said: "I was feeling so proud of the lads for 35 minutes, and then in 10 minutes I went through the whole spectrum of emotions.

"Balti are a good side and they have a lot of offensive talent and did play well. After 35 minutes there was only one team in it and that was Balti who comprehensively beat us in the final 65 minutes, no doubt about it, so no complaints.

"I wasn't disappointed with individual performances; no one let me down. We lost to a far superior, stronger, quicker, physical team and I believe Balti will challenge right to the end of the season.

"Apart from Hamworthy United who loaded their side with some first team players, I don't think we have played a better team.

"If we could replay this game in a year's time with exactly the same squads of players, I think the score would be completely different.

"Our lads would have got stronger, be a little more streetwise and more physical, and I think the fixture wouldn't give the same scoreline."

Things don't get any easier for Bridport this Saturday as they host Holt United who are running Balti close for the title.

New Year brings first loss

Corfe Castle Reserves 2 Bridport A 0
Dorset Division Four

WHETHER it was the curse of New Year, or the weight of being the only unbeaten side in Dorset Division Four, but Bridport A suffered their first reverse of the campaign when they were soundly beaten by Corfe Castle Reserves.

Manager Mark Scadding is hoping however that the disappointing display will serve as both a reminder and a boost to his young side, now that the record has gone.

He said: "After this disappointing display they won't have to worry about that anymore. Maybe this was the reason for such a below par display, or more likely, the fact they came up against a team that on the day wanted the three points that much more."

From the first whistle Corfe showed more passion and belief in themselves than the young visitors apart from Man of the Match Jamie Herbert, who played his heart out.

However, the rest of his colleagues looked shell-shocked at the aggression with which Corfe played. Craig Nutthull and Ashley Billings grabbed the hosts goals.

The Bees only tested the home keeper once throughout the game, and Scadding was disappointed with his side's inability to win many dropping balls or tackles.

He said: "This will be a tough result for the lads to swallow, but it's a defeat they will quickly have to get over and firmly put behind them."

Next week they entertain Lychett & Upton Red Triangle, where a massive improvement will be needed to get the new year back on track.

Hall takes League title as Hoot retires

DESPITE winning the final match of the WBSA Junior Section Jurassic League, which helped elevate Jamie Salvador-Swords to third, it was Robbie Hall that consistently performed during the four match competition held over the last two months of the year to claim the overall title.

In taking the Jurassic League Trophy, Hall's four match haul of 1513g was almost twice that of runner-up Jack Parkman (834g) with Salvador-Swords third with 499g.

Jurassic League Results (overall): 1st Jurassic League trophy: Robbie Hall 1513g

2nd Jurassic League runner-up trophy: Jack Parkman 834g, 3rd Jamie Salvador Swords 499g, 4th: Harry Courtice 364g, 5th Ewan Chambers 357g, 6th Owen Swatridge 355g, 7th Caolan Ayers 350g, 8th Eden Lynham 297g, 9th Ollie Butler 273g, 10th Abbie Button 104g, 11th Fin Davies 53g, 12th Aaron Chambers 41g.

There was a slight concern over how many might attend the last event on Christmas Eve, but there was a healthy turnout of 12 junior members.

Despite plenty of baits in the water, fishing proved to be rather slow until Salvador Swords landed a sizeable flounder of 335g to give him a strong early lead.

With nearly half the entry ending the match with no fish at all, Ollie Butler offered the only real challenge with a sizeable rockling and pout, but was pushed into third spot by Jamie Swatridge with the best pollock of the season and indeed a junior species league record weighing 294g.

As junior matches are always fished during midday, it was very unusual to see a pollock of this size. All fish were returned to the sea.

Result: December 24th - East Pier West Bay: 1st Jamie Salvador Swords 335g (355g sizeable weight), 2nd Owen Swatridge 355g

◆ **WELL DONE:** Outgoing junior secretary Roger 'Hoot' Guppy presents Robbie Hall with his League title award

(294g sw), 3rd Ollie Butler 273g (273g sw), Heaviest flat: Jamie Salvador Swords 355g flounder, Heaviest round: Owen Swatridge 294g Pollack, 1st fish: Jamie Salvador Swords, Last fish: Owen Swatridge, Heaviest weever: none; rolled over prizes went to heaviest of year, Owen Swatridge, Most species: Tie; Ollie Butler, Abbie Button and Owen Swatridge, First fish: Jamie Salvador Swords, Last fish: Owen Swatridge, Wooden spoon: Ewan Chambers.

Sponsors on the day: Hilary Smith, Punch and Judy Bakery, Watch House Cafe, Kay Guppy, Richard 'Tiny' Daw and Andrew Fowler.

Hoot retires as junior secretary

THE presentations at the Salthouse after the match were especially poignant as it marked the retirement of the junior secretary Roger 'Hoot' Guppy.

Hoot's involvement with the junior section started back in 1995 when he assisted the then junior secretary Ian Draper, before taking over the role himself in 2005.

Richard 'Tiny' Daw paid special appreciation to him for all his hard work over many years before presenting presents and a voucher from the juniors, parents, members and friends and also an enormous cake from Steve and Sally Lawrence at Punch & Judy.

Roger thanked everyone for their kindness and generosity including Richard Daw for all the help and assistance he had contributed to the junior section.

The new junior season starts again in April where new junior secretary Paul Lynham will be taking the helm. For more details see the club's website or visit the Angling Centre West Bay.

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the family subscription rate; for more details contact the Angling Centre West Bay or visit the club's website.

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Promotion for Gerrard after six-shot win

Men's Section
CONDITIONS were ideal for golf on Sunday for the Men's January Medal resulting in some pretty spectacular scoring and a number of handicap reductions.

There were 68 starters and 12 men came in with nett scores in the 60s.

The lowest score of the day came from Grant Gerrard in Division Two with a nett 62 and his score of 76 was only one short of the lowest gross of the day. His handicap has now been cut to 11.6 which awards him promotion to Division One.

With a more than respectable nett score of 68 Doug Miners was no doubt surprised to find himself six shots in arrears to take second place.

Scores were closer at the top of Division One where Gary Edwardes with a nett 64 took the top spot by one stroke from Marc Harwood.

The same two nett scores also headed Division Three which was won by Don McAllister. Nathan Dunford in that division with a handicap reduction is now promoted to Division Two.

Results
Division One; 1st Gary Edwardes 75-11=64, 2nd Marc Harwood 77-12=65, 3rd (acb) Barry O'Mahoney 76-9=67.

Division Two; 1st Grant Gerrard 76-14=62, 2nd Doug Miners 81-13=68, 3rd Dave Smith 85-16=69.

Division Three; 1st Don McAllister 85-21=64, 2nd Mannie Wellman 85-20=65, 3rd Terry Cleal 86-19=67.

Gerrard and McAllister received two stroke handicap cuts. Edwardes, Harwood, Dunford and Wellman were each cut by one stroke.

Veterans Section
ANOTHER fine day for the veteran's Thursday competition only a very cold one, especially the first hour or so.

The competition was the third round of the Winter Shield – a Stableford off the yellow tees.

Forty-eight players braved the cold and the scores seem to indicate that the lower handicap section were less affected by the conditions.

The two top men in Division One carded the best scores of the day by quite a margin and both were awarded a one shot handicap cut.

George Brown was the winner with a fine 40 points with Jimmy Gbadebo coming second with 38. Mick Kelson took Division Two with 34 points.

Results
Division One; 1st George Brown (12) 40 points. 2nd Jimmy Gbadebo (12) 38, 3rd Jim Thorpe (16) 35, 4th (acb) Tony Burt (16) 33.

Division Two; 1st Mick Kelson (22) 34 points. 2nd Dave Buckland (21) 33, 3rd (acb) Gil Roberts (25) 31, 4th (acb) Peter Croker (28) 31.

Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures
Mixed Pairs (R2)
Tonight, January 11th
Loders Arms - K&L Groves; M Gudge & S Newman; E&N Tuck; S Gale & N Broad; M&E Hooper; T&S Luter; C Willcox & T Cornish; S Beal & J Cake.

Mens Individuals (R2, eight winners)
Tuesday, January 17th
West Dorset Club - M Horton; H Tompkins; D Tuck; C Taylor; N Pye; H Mills; A Paulley; S Light; G Brooks; M Huxter; D Cowburn; S Pitcher; A Northover; F Pomeroy; P Scott; S Lee; R Herbert.

Ladies Individuals (R1, no byes)
Wednesday, January 18th
Bridport FC - G Legg; S Yeatman; M Paulley; E Hooper; H Doble; S Newman; C Lambert; K Tuck; J Cake; J Brooks; C Huxter; M Hansford; S Luter; J Symes.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	10	19
Rockets	10	14
Denhay	10	12
Nelson Nobblers	10	12
Rejects	10	12
Masters	10	11
Wanderers	9	10
Rough Eight	10	8
Broadoak	10	6
Slingers	10	6
U Know the Blokes	9	6
Lively Lads	10	2

Division B	Pld	Pts
The Dingles	10	15
Miss the Ball	9	14
Countrymen	9	10
Outsiders	7	9
Bangers	9	8
Lost in Time	8	8
Originals	9	8
Survivors	8	8
Castouts	9	6
Dingbats	6	4
Aussies Lot	8	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	10	20
NBC	10	16
LHS	10	14
Pioneers	10	12
Wickers	10	12
Unknowns	10	10
Brandy Snaps	10	8
Whiskey Chasers	9	8
Groundhogs	9	6
Yo Yo's	10	7
Stingers	10	5

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	10	20
Alleycats	10	16
Strawpeedoes	10	16
BFC	10	14
Featherbeds	9	12
Let em Roll	9	10
Firebirds	9	8
Hidden Talent	8	6
Offcuts	9	4
Pinbashers	8	4

Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	9	18
Nags Head A	9	18
Clockadoodledoo	10	14
Royal Standard	8	10
Hunters Lodge	8	8
Talbot Arms	7	8
Rock Point A	6	8
Nags Z	8	7
Four Play	8	7
Cobb Arms	8	4
Janners	9	2
Half an Octopus	9	2
See you Next Thurs	7	0

180s: T.Prowse 4, B.Grainger &T.Young both 2, eight players x1.

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INSIDE: Beaminster FC move clear at top of table

Heavy pitch too much for battling Bees

Bridport 1 Shepton Mallett 2
Toolstation Premier – att; 128

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ONCE again Bridport found the heavy ground just too much for them as they went down to Shepton Mallett on Saturday.

Missing leading scorer Mark Salter with a back injury, skipper Ryan Hayter had to take a place on the bench despite failing a fitness test before the game, such was the shortage of experienced players available.

The rest of the Bees bench included Adam Barrett who hasn't trained for 10 weeks, Lewis Rutter who was suffering from nurovirus, and manager Adam Fricker.

This has been a recurring theme throughout the season with a succession of players suffering injuries that has depleted Fricker's squad , and whilst some young reserve players have been given their opportunity, it is the lack of experience that is the biggest problem.

Fricker's assistant Paddy Behan said: "There are talented young players in the reserves, but it is difficult to use them as they do not have the experience needed in crucial games."

"The pitch was very heavy and Mallett were able to bring on three substitutes, whilst we sent on Barrett who struggled to do the warm up, but we had no other choice.

"All the lads battled brilliantly and you couldn't ask for more.

"Oscar Latas did briliantly up front on his own and Matt Condliffe and Andy Martin were superb, but we need that additional little bit of experience, particularly in midfield when we start to get tired and a bit ragged, with controlled aggression in the right way who can help screen the back four."

Bridport created a couple of chances before Shepton took the lead on 25 minutes when Tyson Pollard scored at the far post.

They doubled their advantage when Conrad Peck forced the ball home.

However Bridport got back in the game on the half hour when Ed Butcher netted from the penalty spot after Latas was fouled.

The second half saw Bridport dominate without threatening except when Bailey struck the outside of the upright.

"They also had a second penalty appeal turned down for a blatant tug on Latas, but Behan said: "It was a clear penalty, but the ref wan't going to give two in the same game."

◆ **BUOYANT SEASIDERS:** Devon & Exeter League Division One promotion chasers Lyme Regis. Line-up, standing from left; Adam Caddy, Steve Batey, Kingsley Wellman, Rhys Hayter, Will Meech, Dan Baggs, Dom Rowe, Sam Day, Darren Lock, Mark Bailey, Lee Cleal. Front; Gary Knight, Cody Bowditch, Steve Crabb (coach), Robin Townsend (Manager), Mark Lock (Coach), Rob Fellingham, Kieren Daniels. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

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